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US cannot close PLO's UN office, rules judge

NEW YORK, June 29. (AP): A federal judge ruled today that the US government cannot close the PLO's observer mission to the United Nations.

US judge Edmund Palmieri found that the Anti-terrorism Act passed by Congress does not supersede US obligations to its 1947 headquarters agreement with the UN.

"The language of the headquarters agreement, the longstanding practice under it, and the interpretation given it by the parties to it, leave no doubt that it places an obligation upon the United States to refrain from impairing the function of the PLO observer mission," Palmieri wrote in a 37-page opinion.

He noted that the language and legislative history of the Anti-terrorism Act, which branded the PLO a terrorist group, do not indicate Congress meant to abandon the country's obligations under the headquarters agreement.

"We are therefore constrained to interpret the Anti-terrorism Act as failing to supersede the headquarters agreement and inapplicable to the mission," Palmieri wrote.

Fighters crash

KARLSRUHE, (UPI): Three US F-16 Falcon jet fighters crashed in West Germany yesterday, killing one pilot and injuring another, authorities reported. One of the single-engine aircraft crashed in the woods northeast of Baden-Baden, and the pilot ejected safely, a US spokesman said.

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Arab Affairs

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Sunrise 4.51 am

Sunset 4.52 pm

Maximum temperature recorded:

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Ahmad: 41°C 106°F

Falak: 42°C 108°F

Minimum temperature recorded:

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Ahmad: 31°C 88°F

Falak: 29°C 84°F

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Ahmad: 39 per cent

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INTERNATIONAL

'Child terrorist' arrested in South Africa

DURBAN, June 29. (Reuters): A 14-year-old boy trained to use machineguns and other weapons was arrested in South Africa last week, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said today.

Vlok claimed the boy, whom he described as a child terrorist but did not name, had been recruited by the African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla group and trained in Angola.

"In the camp known as Pango, he received training in the handling of a variety of arms such as machineguns, side arms, hand grenades and limpet mines," Vlok said at a police graduation ceremony in this Indian Ocean port city.

Vlok said the boy's case illustrated statements by ANC leader Oliver Tambo that youths must be seen as the shock troops of the organisation which has fought guerrilla campaign since 1960 to end white rule in South Africa.

New government formed in France

PARIS, June 29. (Reuters): Socialist French Prime Minister Michel Rocard took on the leadership of a new minority government last night and named a cabinet which, while reducing socialist influence, attracted only a handful of centrists.

Rocard had promised a major opening up to the political centre in his second cabinet, after inconclusive general elections on June 12 left the Socialists 13 seats short of a majority in the 577-seat National Assembly.

Rocard, who was asked by President Francois Mitterrand to form a new government a week ago, must rely on either centrist or communist votes to push through legislation.

But the new 49-member government included only three centrists and left the major portfolios in Socialist hands.

In purely quantitative terms, the left's hold on the cabinet was weakened. Card-carrying Social-

ists, not including Rocard, and non-Socialists each won 24 seats.

But the broadening of the political scene, the stated aim of both Mitterrand and Rocard, appeared to benefit non-political public personalities and technocrats rather than the centre.

Exceptions included centrist leader Jean-Pierre Soisson, who served in the government of former centre-right President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and is close to former Prime Minister Raymond Barre.

Soisson, who resigned from Giscard's party immediately after his nomination, was given the portfolio of labour, employment and training.

The other two centrist to join the new government were Jean-Marie Rausch, as new foreign trade minister, and Helene Dorlac, appointed secretary of state for family affairs.

Rocard also brought in some popular French personalities.

Foreign-born Americans healthier than native-born

WASHINGTON, June 29. (AP): Foreign-born residents of the United States appear healthier than native-born Americans, spending less time sick in the hospital and visiting doctors less, a US government survey says.

Some 22.8 per cent of native-born Americans age 18 and over reported four or more days in the previous year when they were sick in bed or at least a half-day.

By comparison, only 18.8 per cent of the foreign-born population said they had been sick four or more days in a year, according to the study.

"Health of the Foreign-Born Population: United States, 1985-86."

Several possible reasons could account for the difference, said Dr Gerry Hendershot of the National Centre for Health Statistics, who prepared the report.

"One factor that certainly is involved is the selectivity of immigration to this country," Hendershot said.

Good health

"People with higher educations and professional skills have a better opportunity to migrate to this country, so people coming here tend to be from groups that have good health," he said.

And he said, "immigrants tend to be younger, on average, than the general population, and younger people in general tend to be healthier than older people."

Hendershot noted that the Immigration and Naturalization Service does some health screening for applicants for US residency.

Finally, he pointed out the study was based on interviews with 58,682 households.

Camp war designed to curb uprising: Arafat

NICOSIA, June 29. (AP): PLO leader Yasser Arafat charges that attacks on Beirut's Palestinian refugee camps by Syrian-backed guerrillas are aimed at stifling the 6-month-old Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied territory, the PLO news agency Wafa said today.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, also said Arafat declared the campaign by Col. Saad Mousa's Fatah-Uprising faction was designed to wipe out the PLO presence in Lebanon.

Wafa said Arafat made the remarks during talks with Czechoslovak leaders in Prague Tuesday.

Arafat appeared to be aiming his accusations at Syria, although the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman did not name Syria directly.

Two months of bloody clashes between Mousa's fighters and Arafat loyalists for the control of the Shatila refugee camp ended Monday after Fatah-Uprising captured the shantytown.

"We have repeatedly refused to be dragged into side battles

to settle our differences," he said.

He made the allegation in an

interview with the London-based newsletter, the Mideast Mirror.

"The plan on which Shultz and the Syrians agreed provides for ridding West Beirut of weapons and fighters. The fall of Shatila signals the beginning of a scheme which he had hoped Syria would not get involved in," Khalaf was quoted as saying.

Liquidating

"It also aims at hitting and liquidating the Palestinian presence in south Lebanon camps and towns," he was quoted as saying.

"Our people will continue the struggle whatever the conspiracies, and whatever the sacrifices," Arafat declared.

His statement echoed accusations by his deputy, Salah Khalaf, and by the PLO's executive committee that Syria engineered the camps fighting to eliminate Arafat as a force in Lebanon.

Khalaf, also known by his nom de guerre of Abu Iyad, accused Syria of seeking to oust pro-Arafat Palestinian guerrillas from West Beirut under a plan devised with US Secretary of State George Shultz.

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interview with the London-based newsletter, the Mideast Mirror.

"The fighting between the rival Palestinian factions has raged since May 1, despite a reconciliation in April between Arafat and Syrian President Hafez Assad to end a 5-year-old feud over the control of the Palestinian movement.

Khalaf said after the fall of Shatila, Mousa's fighters were expected to turn their guns on the nearby Bourj Al Barajneh camp on Beirut's southern outskirts.

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NEWS IN BRIEF**Death sentence**

BEIJING, June 29. (UPI): A Beijing court sentenced two men to death today for the murder of a Beijing University graduate student whose slaying sparked student unrest and demonstrations in the capital.

Wang Jian, 26, and He Enming, 18, were both sentenced to death by the Beijing Intermediate People's Court for "deliberate manslaughter and hooliganism" in the June 2 street brawl in which Chai Qingfeng was shot and killed, the official Xinhua news agency said.

Panda poachers

BEIJING, June 29. (AP): Nine people have been given life sentences and 33 people sentenced to 10 years or more since China began a crackdown on panda poachers last August, an official report said today.

The state-run People's Daily (Renmin Ribao) said authorities in Sichuan, where most of China's pandas live, had arrested more than 52 cases of panda killing, trafficking and smuggling of panda skins between last August and this June.

The report said 133 poachers were arrested in that period, but did not say how many pandas were killed.

300 killed

JOHANNESBURG, June 29. (Reuters): The South African Army said today it had killed more than 300 Cuban and Angolan troops in battles on Monday.

Brigadier Pieter Gagiano, the Army's chief of operations, speaking at a press conference, raised the previous reported death toll of 200 Cubans and Angolans killed in air and ground attacks around the Calueque dam in southern Angola.

Pretoria said earlier that 12 white South Africans had died.

Secrets act

LONDON, June 29. (Reuters): The British government, embroiled in rows over the limits of state secrecy, said today it planned to scrap antiquated laws which even make it illegal to report the kind of tea drunk by civil servants.

It presented draft proposals to narrow the scope of section two of the 1911 Official Secrets Act and make disclosure of information an offence only when it is harmful to the public interest.

Reactor trouble

TOKYO, June 29. (AP): A nuclear reactor designed and built by Japan ceased operation automatically at a state-run power station after developing trouble in its condenser system, officials said today.

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Rules framed for marriages between Chinese and Taiwanese

BEIJING, June 29, (AP): China has drawn up regulations for marriages between Chinese and Taiwanese citizens, while saying it will discourage marriages with Taiwanese who intend to stay only temporarily in China.

The Ministry of Civil Affairs has ruled that people from Taiwan who have settled down on the mainland may marry mainland citizens after producing certificates on their marriage status from their work unit or neighbourhood committee, the official Xinhua news agency reported today.

The Taiwan partner must also produce certificates to show he or she was not married before coming to the mainland. If the person does not have such certificates, he or she can submit a self-written statement on not having a spouse, which must be certified by authorities where the person currently lives.

The ministry said that "considering the present situation on both sides of the Taiwan strait, many inconveniences will be encountered" in marriages between mainland residents and Taiwanese in China on a temporary basis.

Explanations

"So explanations should be made to dissuade such applicants."

If the couple persists in their decision to wed, their application will be handled by marriage registration agencies specified by provincial governments, the agency said.

The Nationalist government on Taiwan last year ended a ban on travel to the mainland, and visits by Taiwan residents for tourism, business and meetings relatives have become common. Taiwan, however, does not permit entry of citizens from the People's Republic.

Seoul frees 46 political prisoners

SEOUL, June 29, (AP): The government announced today the release of 46 political prisoners, including prominent dissident Kim Kim-Tae, and said it would review the cases of other jailed radicals.

The Justice Ministry, in a brief statement, said the 46 prisoners would be released tomorrow from various prisons on paroles. Ministry officials said 453 ordinary criminals also would be paroled.

Opposition groups have been demanding the release of hundreds of jailed dissidents they contend were imprisoned for political beliefs or anti-government activity.

Top opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung told the National Assembly today that more than 600 political prisoners remained in jail. He said continued detention of dissidents was the main barrier to political peace in South Korea.

"How can we talk about reconciliation and political development while keeping in prison those patriots, numbering more than 600, who fought for democracy?" he said.

Bangladesh calls for halt to N-arms race

PRESIDENT Hussain Muhammad Ershad of Bangladesh has called on the nuclear powers and the countries on the threshold of becoming one to reject the nuclear option and move towards general and complete disarmament.

He made the appeal on the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the Treaty on Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

Bangladesh is one of the 136 signatories to the treaty.

Ershad in his message, released by the Bangladesh embassy in Kuwait, said: "The threat of nuclear catastrophe has become the pre-eminent issue of our time. It has overshadowed all other critical challenges facing the world community especially in its efforts to promote the cause of economic and social development of the Third World, progress in protection of human rights and the construction of a world based on justice and human dignity."

"This auspicious occasion ... permits us to reiterate Bangladesh's outright rejection of the nuclear alternative and to call unambiguously for a halt and reversal of the nuclear arms race."

Ershad said, since its inception the NPT has remained the central component of the endeavour to check the harmful uses of nuclear energy while at the same time harnessing the atom for



Thai Army technicians load the fuselage of a Bell helicopter that crashed in a thunderstorm near Bangkok. (Reuter wirephoto)

Carbide barred from direct deal

BHOPAL, June 29, (AP): A district judge issued an interim injunction today barring Union Carbide Corp. from settling directly with victims of the Bhopal gas disaster.

Judge M.W. Deo issued the order in response to a June 16 request by the Indian government.

The government has passed a law making it the sole legal representative of victims of the 1984 gas leak at a Bhopal pesticide plant owned by an Indian subsidiary of Union Carbide.

Nearly 3,000 people were killed and more than 20,000 seriously injured in the world's worst industrial disaster. India filed a \$3-billion suit against Union Carbide that is still being heard.

Union Carbide says there is "no political will" in the Indian government to settle the case and its lawyers have started dealing directly with attorneys who have filed suit in the United States on behalf of gas claimants.

Nearly 150,000 claimants are represented by lawyers seeking damages in courts in Connecticut and Texas. The Indian government has received claims from about 500,000 people.

Judge Deo issued the interim injunction but said he would give a final order on July 29 after

hearing both sides.

"In the circumstances, it is expedient in the interest of justice that the defendant be restrained by an interim order not to make any settlement or compromise with any individual until further order," he said.

Union Carbide argued that any injunction would be an affront to the US court which is adjudicating the case with private lawyers of gas victims.

Judge Deo said his order was not against proceedings but only against a settlement in the United States before July 29 when he would give his final judgement.

Indian government lawyers say any settlement reached in the US court would be void.

The government filed an additional application today for an injunction, saying Union Carbide was continuing efforts for a direct settlement.

Government attorneys quoted a spokesman at Union Carbide headquarters in Danbury, Connecticut, as saying the company was seeking to reach a settlement providing less than \$350 million for the victims.

Union Carbide says the lead was the result of sabotage by employees, while the government says it was caused by poor maintenance and low safety standards.

UN received 100 Afghan treaty violation complaints

Cordovez calls for restraint

GENEVA, June 29, (Reuter): UN trouble-shooter Diego Cordovez has appealed to the signatories of the Afghan agreement not to fuel hostilities, saying he had received nearly 100 complaints of pact violations.

Speaking on the eve of his departure for the region to check on adherence to the accord, which he negotiated in Geneva over six years, he told reporters: "These obligations stand. These obligations have to be fulfilled."

Spirit

He said alleged violations included charges that lorries were moving arms or ammunition into Afghanistan from neighbouring Pakistan, where Afghan rebels and three million Afghan refugees are located.

He said Pakistan complained of attacks from Afghanistan.

"Any action which has the effect of fueling hostilities would be contrary to the spirit and letter of the agreement," he warned.

He added that the four signatories, Afghanistan, Pakistan, the United States and the Soviet Union, had stated their commitment to the objectives of the agreement.

The agreement, providing for the withdrawal of Soviet troops and non-interference in Afghanistan or Pakistan, was designed to create conditions which could lead to peace. The rebels have vowed to continue to fight the Soviet-backed government.

Diego Cordovez, an Ecuadorian diplomat, will visit Iran, another Afghan neighbour, today and then Pakistan and Afghanistan during his two-week tour.

Death toll rises in Bangladesh floods

DHAKA, June 29, (AP): Flood-triggered accidents have killed 12 more people in Bangladesh, raising the week-long toll to 92 officials and newspapers said today.

Five deaths were reported in eastern Sylhet district, four from southern Satkhira area and three from Chittagong district. Most of them occurred on Tuesday.

Officials at the Flood Control Ministry said the overall situation had improved in most of the affected areas except for the northeastern district of Moulvibazar.

The Moni River near Moulvibazar was flowing 1.2 metres above the danger level, said the officials.

Heavy rains continued in the region and embankments were breached at three points, inundating large areas of Moulvibazar.

Shelter

Roads from Dhaka to Moulvibazar have been submerged for the past five days.

Railway authorities said railroad links between Dhaka, the capital, and Sylhet and Chittagong were restored late Tuesday after two bridges were repaired.

A senior official at the Relief Ministry said that the current spate of flash floods had affected

the UN agreement prohibited Pakistan from allowing groups to use its territory to create disorder or unrest in Afghanistan and specifically said such groups should not be allowed to transport arms or ammunition.

Diego Cordovez said Islamabad asserted that lorries going into Afghanistan were not carrying arms but merely conducting trade which had continued throughout the Afghan civil war.

"The Pakistanis quite rightly say: 'These trucks are carrying goods.' Well, I said: 'Let us open one from time to time.'

Cordovez, due to become Ecuadorian Foreign Minister on August 10, said that despite complaints from Moscow about compliance with the treaty the withdrawal of Soviet troops was going quite well and to the satisfaction of all sides.

Peaceful purposes.

The NPT is the cornerstone of international efforts to sustain viable barriers against the spread of nuclear weapons, he added.

He also said the NPT has helped greatly in the long-term international efforts to ensure peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

But, he said, progress towards the goal of reducing nuclear arsenals and negotiations for general and complete disarmament, has been slow and inadequate.

The prime responsibility of undertaking specific disarmament measures and discouraging proliferation lies with the nuclear powers, Ershad pointed out.

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Agreements on unity plans signed

Libya, Algeria to vote on union

BEIRUT, June 29, (Reuter): Plans for unity between Libya and Algeria are to be presented to millions of people in the two North African states, the official Libyan news Agency JANA reported today.

JANA, monitored in Beirut, said agreements on unity plans and economic, industrial and cultural links were signed by Major Abd-Salam Jalloud, second-in-command to Maghreb summit in Algiers on June 10.

"It was decided the draft project for unity between the brotherly countries will be presented to the public masses in both Algeria and Libya in September," the agency said.

"It is approved it would

allow people to use identity cards instead of passports when crossing borders between the two countries, border observation posts would be unified and import and export taxes abolished," JANA said.

"A joint committee was set up to implement this within two

months," it added.

It said Jalloud led a high-level Libyan delegation which arrived in Algiers on Monday to discuss boosting links between the two countries. He returned to Libya on Tuesday.

The visit coincided with intense activity among North African states whose leaders discussed plans for a regional grouping at a Maghreb summit in Algiers on June 10.

A brief communiqué issued at the end of the summit spoke of greater unity between Libya, Algeria, Tunisia, Mauritania and Morocco.

Libya advocates creating a united regional grouping but the others prefer to think in terms of economic links similar to those of the European Economic Community.

The two countries also set up eight joint companies for the production of oil, cars, engines and construction equipment.

JANA said.

The communiqué hailed the five-nation North African summit in Algiers on June 10 attended by Libya, Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco and Mauritania.

The summit, long-sought but blocked by bitter regional conflicts, followed the renewal of diplomatic relations between

Algeria and Morocco in May after a 12-year break caused by the Western Sahara war.

Libya and Tunisia had renewed ties in December after a break of more than two years.

The Libyan-Moroccan accord, broken off two years ago by King Hassan, had deprived Algeria of Khaddafi's material support in the Western Sahara conflict, where Algiers-supported Polisario guerrillas continue to fight for the independence of the territory from Morocco.

The communiqué was issued after talks between Algerian President Chadli Benjedid and Jalloud, who in the past has tried unsuccessfully to forge a series of mergers as part of his vision of cementing Arab unity.

The Libyan leader made a vain attempt to court Algeria into union last year after a two-year unity pact with another North African country, Morocco, collapsed in 1986.

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US will defend shipping, Murphy assures Bahrain

BAHRAIN, June 29. (Agencies): US Envoy Richard Murphy assured Bahrain today that the United States was determined to protect commercial shipping in the Gulf, the official Gulf News Agency (GNA) reported.

Murphy, on a 24-hour visit to the island, gave the Amir Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa a letter from President Reagan and later met the Prime Minister, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa.

GNA said Murphy and Sheikh Khalifa discussed ways to end the Iran-Iraq conflict and secure freedom of navigation in the Gulf, which has become a battle zone in a shipping war between Baghdad and Tehran.

At least 64 vessels have been attacked since the beginning of this year.

GNA quoted Murphy as having told the agency he had assured Sheikh Khalifa of American determination to protect commercial ships in the region.

The United States boosted its naval presence in the Gulf in July last year to protect vessels flying

the American flag.

After a clash with the Iranian Navy last April, Washington said it would extend its protection to neutral ships, although this determination has yet to be tested.

Murphy arrived in Bahrain on Tuesday night. He had earlier visited Saudi Arabia, North Yemen, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar, Iraq and Kuwait.

The Reagan administration recently announced it planned to send four new F-16 fighters and spare parts to Bahrain for about 90 million dollars.

Fighters

Bahrain had previously purchased 12 of the sophisticated fighters, which so far have not yet been given even to neighbouring Saudi Arabia, a long-standing close friend of Washington.

The United States also supplies Bahrain with advanced Stinger anti-aircraft missiles. Unconfirmed reports have put the number of missiles at 70.

The shoulder-fired weapons are at the centre of the current US dispute with Qatar, another

Bahrain neighbour.

US officials say Qatar has acquired some of the US-made weapons by unauthorised means and refuses either to return them or say where they were obtained.

Murphy, who visited Qatar earlier on his tour, was reported by the State Department to have formally protested the Qatari action.

Arab diplomatic sources in Bahrain, insisting on anonymity, said they believed the issue to be overblown because the much sought-after Stingers can be obtained on the international arms market.

The chief aim of Murphy's tour was to discuss means of ending the nearly 8-year-old Iraq-Iran war, which has posed an increasing menace to the Gulf states and their oil shipping lanes, as well as US Secretary of State George Shultz's plan for ending the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Murphy has also been communicating the US view of the outcome of the Moscow superpower summit between Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to these leaders.



Kuwait's Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah inspecting the progress of work at the General Investigations Department in which he stressed the importance of the department's role in upholding the law. The minister was received by the director of the department Colonel Yaqub Al Muhaini.

Number of females taking up technical jobs increases

A LOCAL newspaper interviewed a number of residents to obtain their opinions on the increase of females taking up technical and professional posts in Kuwait.

A lawyer, Merdad Al Mtaini said it was natural to view appointments of women at technical posts in a different light as it was novel in Arab society in general. However, he added, men and women at the same work levels are treated differently.

Halla Adns, an engineer from Kuwait University tried getting a job in the engineering field since her graduation, but, has still to succeed. She says she is now in a depressing period in her life due to the lack of experience and believed society is not yet ready to hire female engineers.

She said, she joined a consulting office for training in the field of civil engineering and is slowly gaining confidence. She appreciated the total support of her parents. She pointed out that women in the field of engineering proved to be successful in implementing some projects and saw no differences between men and women engineers — provided they were judged according to the nature and place of work, including their qualifications.

Proved

Hafya Al Musa, an engineer at the highways department in the Ministry of Public Works said she chose engineering because of her high grade point average. She said she did not find any difficulty in obtaining a job as an engineer. She added, that now-a-days, physical strength was not necessary as technology had replaced manpower in many fields — especially in the field of engineering.

Mohamed Abdul Khader Ibrahim, an engineer said that women engineers are trustworthy and have proved to be hard workers. He, however, did not encourage women engineers to go outside offices to project locations as most projects are located at distances away from the offices and entailed long working hours.

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Sheikh Sabah sends message to Dumas

PARIS, June 29. (KUINA): Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah today sent a message to his French counterpart Roland Dumas.

Sources told the Kuwait News Agency that the message came in reply to a similar message sent last week by Dumas dealing with bilateral relations.

The message was delivered to the Foreign Ministry by the Third Secretary at the Kuwaiti Embassy here Jamal Al Nasafi.

Sheikh Sabah meetings

Meanwhile, an increase in the number of narcotics cases in Kuwait is a cause of some concern to authorities in Kuwait.

The director of the anti-narcotics and liquor department of the Ministry of Interior Colonel Abdulla Al Farhan in an interview with a local daily disclosed that though Kuwait suffered from narcotics problems, these in no way had reached dangerous proportions and were far lower in comparison to other Arab and foreign countries.

Awareness

He described the new law of fighting narcotics issued in 1983 as practical. The law stipulates strict punishment for smuggling and trading in narcotics. Sentences could be life imprisonment or in extreme cases even the death penalty.

Al Farhan commented that a lack of awareness among people of the dangers of using narcotics coupled with plenty of spare time among youths contributed to this phenomena. Most of the addicts were men, he said.

AI Haji for Islamabad

PRESIDENT of the International Islamic Charity Organisation Yousef Haji Al Haji left yesterday for Islamabad to attend meetings of the board of trustees of the Pakistan Islamic University which the organisation is supporting.

After attending the meetings in Islamabad, Haji will proceed to Peshawar to follow up activities of the Kuwait Red Crescent there and inspect projects undertaken by the Red Crescent and the organisation.

Haji said before departure he hoped the organisation would succeed in accomplishing its goals for the service of Islam and Muslims the world over.

Transformer contract

THE Minister of Electricity and Water, Dr Homoud Al Rajab yesterday signed a contract with Siemens of West Germany for the supply and installation of three transformer stations. The contract is estimated at KD15 million to be implemented in two years.

He pointed out that as some countries have imposed restrictions on exporting some kinds of date palms, the authority centred on producing those kinds and has successfully done so.

Al Naqeeb stated that to enrich the authority's abilities in the field of agriculture, a delegation visited Malaysia recently.

Hessaid the United Agriculture Company, of which Kuwait owns 29 per cent, operates on 170,000 acres of land where palm oil trees are planted.

Many industries depend on

Law to regulate co-operative societies

THE new law governing the workings of co-operative consumer societies is pending endorsement by the Higher Planning Council.

The director general of the Kuwait Union of Co-operative Consumer Societies Abdul Latif Al Rasheed said the new law upon endorsement would replace the existing law and be comprehensive enough to cover all aspects of the co-operative movement.

He added, the new law upon endorsement would not be liable to revision and the proposed co-operative bank was still under study. Upon establishment, the co-operative bank would

provide alternative methods of long-term finance employed by the co-operative societies to pay for their merchandise. He said the bank would be run purely on religious law.

He disclosed that the co-operative bank would invest all financial surplus with the co-operative societies in production projects and in projects intended to boost the national food strategy. He added that total annual sales were around KD200 million, and this amount was needed to be invested in the service of the national economy as part of the efforts aimed at activating the national economic cycle.

Fahaheel Pakistan School results

ALL students of the Fahaheel Pakistan School, Mangaf, who appeared in the General group (Arts) examination of the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Islamabad, have passed. Miss Asima Syed secured 598 marks

with 'A' Grade. In the Science group 87 per cent of the students of the school were successful with Tahira Bashir securing 640 marks in Grade 'A' and Masrur-ul-Hassan Kashif scoring 620 in Grade 'A'.



Asima Syed
Masrur-ul-Hassan

Passengers protest hotel accommodation withdrawal

BOMBAY and DELHI costs a minimum 250 rupees (\$23), hotel sources said. They predicted most passengers would choose to wait at the congested airports.

An estimated 75,000 Oman-based passengers fly to and from India every year and more than 90 per cent of them travel on excursion fares, according to airline sources.

Gulf Air has links to India from the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Qatar. Air India flies to all six Gulf Cooperation Council states — Oman, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE.

Gulf Air is jointly owned by Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the UAE emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Dubai's Emirates airlines also had cancelled the accommodation facility, but has not rescinded its decision.

Hotel accommodation in

Distribution of West Fintas plots

THE assistant director general for distribution, documentation and follow-up at the National Housing Authority (NHA) Farid Mishari Al Ojail disclosed that the NHA on July 3 will hold the fifth balloting for distribution of the West Fintas plots totalling 152. The remaining 225 plots out of the project's 1054

plots will be distributed during the next half of this year he said.

Speaking to a local newspaper, Al Ojail stated that the NHA would distribute 79 houses in Block 3 in the West Fintas Project late next August which would be the third batch out of 1125.

Public authority to plant date palms

A SENIOR official at the Public Authority for Fish Resource and Agriculture Affairs has announced that within Kuwait's afforestation plan, the authority will start planting date palms.

Deputy director-general of technical affairs at the authority Ahmed Al Naqeeb told KUNA yesterday that tens of thousands of palm seedlings can be produced by tissue planting in a single year.

He pointed out that experiments on tissue planting took place in one of the authority's laboratories, adding that such a practice is one of the new techniques developed recently.

On Kuwait's afforestation plan, Al Naqeeb said the authority, in co-operation with other governmental departments, have set up a plan whereby new gardens will be constructed and planted with trees that can grow in the country.

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palm trees, including wood and chemical fertilizers industries, the official noted.

With regard to the animal wealth, Al Naqeeb said that the authority, in addition to other concerned parties have been able to control the spread of foot-and-mouth disease that attacks cattle and causes death.

He pointed out that about 12,000 heads of cattle were vaccinated by the authority, adding that the importation of cattle is temporarily prohibited to curb the spread of the disease.

Vaccination against smallpox and brucellosis will stop between June 1 and Aug 31 due to the hot climate, Al Naqeeb added.

Sheikh Nasser meets Fassam

SOCIAL Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed yesterday received newly appointed Kuwaiti ambassador to Jordan Sulaiman Al Fassam.

The discussions tackled fraternal relations between the two sisterly countries.

The meeting falls in line with Fassam's discussions with a number of officials before leaving this week to assume his new post.

Sheikh Sabah received chairman and members of the Arab Gulf Theatre's board of directors.

The members briefed Sheikh Sabah on the theatre's preparations for celebrating its silver jubilee.

The ceremony will be held under patronage of HH the Crown Prince and Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah in October.

Sheikh Sabah praised the theatre's efforts to elevate theatrical movement in Kuwait and promised its backing.

The board members later called on Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed and explained to him the same preparations.

Benson and Hedges Management Challenge

THE marks of success for successful managers are the ability to communicate, leadership, judgement, initiative, organisational skills and motivation.

This year's Benson & Hedges Management Challenge is directed at managers and businessmen of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) countries.

Benson & Hedges have requested managers to send in their answers to the first stage of the competition, on the official forms, before the end of June 1988, to qualify for this year's country final stage.



The Benson & Hedges gold medal.

Italian Trade Commissioner introduces Italian Canned fruits to importers of foodstuffs in Kuwait



Under the patronage of His Excellency the Italian Ambassador to Kuwait Mr. Lucio Forattini, a reception, organised by the Italian Trade Commission office for the importers of foodstuffs in Kuwait was held at the Meridien Hotel/Kuwait on Sunday, June 26, 1988.

The aim was to introduce Italian canned fruit to the Kuwaiti market.

Welcoming the importers was Dr. Roberto Luongo, the Italian Trade Commissioner in Kuwait.

Preceding the dinner, a tasting promotion took place at the Sultan Center, Salmiyah from June 19 to 21, 1988.

The promotion was organized in co-operation with Liberty Advertising Ignazio Messina & Co. Shipping Line Jassim Mohd. Al-Ali Al-Wazzan.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show. Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timimg are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

CINEMA

British Council

A children's film 'Alice in Wonderland', based on Lewis Carroll's immortal story, will be shown on Thursday, June 30, at 10.30 am at the British Council, Mansouria. On a golden afternoon, young Alice, startled by a white rabbit, follows him and loses her foot-

ing and tumbles into a burrow — and enters the merry, topsy-turvy world of wonderland. It is a blend of fantasy and music. Approximately 72 minutes. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512, 2533204, 2533227.

SOCIAL

German-speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, July 3 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

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rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 43141; Thomas Perumbil — 4810490 ext 207; Verghese Paradyil — 2422973.

D'Assisi Association

The Association will hold a social evening-cum-entertainment evening on August 11 at Messiah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909, 3717346 pm or Augustin 5746754 after 6 pm.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn

Jaycee's Friday brunch offers fun and surprises for the

whole family, from 12 noon until 3 pm.

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also offered.

At the Meridien

Nightly dine in the Hunt Room and with live music by the Trio Paradise. For lunch Hunt Room offers a la carte.

On Friday, enjoy special lunch and dinner buffet featuring Lebanese cuisine in Le Tambouche.

Al Hambra offers buffet lunch on Friday from 11 am to 4 pm.

At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features grilled specialties. The

Friday lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine. The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

SPORTS

PBAK Officers Meeting

The PBAK will hold the officers meeting on Saturday, 7.30 pm, at Fullman Hotel. They will discuss the forthcoming PBAK inter-commercial bowling league and formation of Philippine team and other activities. For details call Sarah Macarabang, director, Tel: 4843447 or Ojie Olor, president, 5634200.

PBAK bowling clinic

The Philippines Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) will hold the last stage of their bowling clinic on Friday, July 1, at 300 Club Silver Tower at 12 noon. The speakers are Manny Inserto, Bob Peek and Arthur Reyes. They will discuss weight and pitch; bowling area and pocket shots. Entrance free. For registration contact 300 Club. Tel: 2448000.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1



9.00 Holy Quran

9.25 Rahlat Haul Al Alam: cartoons.

10.15 Shams Al Kharef: daily serial, with Tawfiq Abdul Hamid, Zizi Badawi

11.00 News Summary

11.15 Ghadban Tabdan Al Hayat: local serial, starring Hayat Al Fahad, Suad Abdullah, Ghaneem Al Saleh.

12.00 Good Morning/News

12.15 International Circus

1.50 Fawazir Al Munasabat: featuring Yahya Fakhri, Sabirin, Hale Fuad.

2.30 Wamurat Al Ayyam: daily serial, Juliet Awad, Ruhai Al Saifi, Susan Saleh.

3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon serial

4.00 News Summary

4.15 The Saint: featuring Roger Moore

5.00 Liga Al Khamis: weekly local show

7.00 Al Farooqia Wal Zaman: prepared and presented by Mohiuddin Qidoor.

7.30 Songs and Music

7.45 Al Bahath Al Al Saadah: weekly serial, starring Samir Ghaneem, Hussein Mustafa.

8.30 With Islam: prepared and presented by Dr Khalid Al Madhkur.

9.00 News in Arabic

9.50 From People's Art: Songs and Music

10.30 Tala'a Al Naql: Arabic feature film, starring Firdous Abdul Hamid, Salah Saadani, Ahmad Rateb, Mohammad Tawfiq.

12.00 Late Night Variety Show presented by Amina Al Sharah.

1.00 News Summary/Holy Quran/Closedown

A scene from tonight's Arabic film, 'Tala'a Al Naql', 10.30 pm, KTV 1, featuring Firdous Abdul Hamid, Salah Saadani, Ahmad Rateb and other performers.

Satellite
1.35 Songs
2.00 Preview of Next Week on KTV
2.30 Hadith Deeni: religious talk
3.30 Anta Al Mathloub: Arabic play, featuring Ali Al Hajjar, Sahar Noor, Wahid Saif, Ruwaida Adnan.

5.45 Cartoons
6.15 Songs
7.00 Kuwait in a Week
7.30 A Seminar on Islamic Philosophy: "The Rights of Man," Part two.

8.25 Kul Al Funoon: Focus on Art
9.00 News in Arabic
9.30 Wrestling

10.30 Naseeb: part five; Kuwaiti play, featuring Abdullah Habil, Maryam Saleh, Mohammad Jaber, Khalil Ismail. Directed by Mohammad Abdul Salam.

11.45 News Summary
11.50 World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

12.00 News Summary Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

2.00 Holy Quran

2.10 Cartoons

2.30 Sports Studio

6.10 Foo Fur: new cartoons for children.

6.30 The Bay City Rollers Show: new variety show featuring songs, music and sketches.

7.00 Disney's Sunday Movie: "The Deacon Street Deer." Hunters follow the trail of a runaway deer.

8.00 News in English

8.30 Breaking away

8.40 The Beauty and the Beast: "The Alchemist." A policeman is killed while pursuing a drug pusher. Vincent is asked to help find him. Starring: Linda Perlman.

9.30 227: tonight's episode examines the case of a woman who is very much alive but declared "dead" on paper — by a faulty machine.

10.00 Guinness Book of World Records

10.30 The Wiseguy: "Phantom Pain." Susan is arrested, and charged with murder, but Vinnie tries to save her. Starring: Ken Wahl.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

CINEMA TODAY



Jeetendra and Bhanu Priya star in the Hindi feature film, Tamasha, now showing in Firdous cinema.

Al Andalus
The Last Shark
Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Moro

Al Salmiya
Desperately Seeking Susan
Starring: Madonna

Al Hama
Let's Get Harry
Starring: Robert Duvall, Gary Moss

Drive-In
Laila Al Kabz Al Bakaiza Wa Zaghliou (Arabic)

Starring: Suhab Babil, Issaf...

Al Firdous
Tamacha (Hindi)
Starring: Jeetendra, Bhanu Priya, Rajkumar

Fahaheel Open-Air
Pyar Ke Kabil (Hindi)

Al Fahaheel
Aposh (Bengali)

Al Jaha
Aa'd Liyantaqam (Arabic)

Granada
The Man in the Wilderness

Salabikhat
Swati Tirumal (Malayalam)

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.17am

Zuhr 11.52

Aср 3.26pm

Maghreb 6.52

Isha 8.23

FRIDAY

Fajr 3.17am

Friday Prayer 11.52

Aср 3.26pm

Maghreb 6.52

Isha 8.23

FRIDAY

9.00 Holy Quran

9.15 Cartoons

9.30 Children's Magazine

10.15 Al Saif Al Mafkoud: children's serial, featuring Abdul Aziz Haddad, Ahmad Al Hazim, Ali Al Mufeedi.

10.45 Prophet's Sayings: Hadith, religious programme, presented by Dr Ahmad Al Mufeedi.

11.15 Friday prayer from Grand Mosque

12.25 Rida Wal Noor: religious serial, prepared and presented by Kariman Hamza

1.00 News Summary

1.05 World News via

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 She Ra: cartoons
6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club: a 30 minute show for young viewers.

7.00 P.M. Magazine: tonight's show examines supernatural powers, telepathy, spiritual healing and clairvoyance; and visits a contest to select the best-looking man.

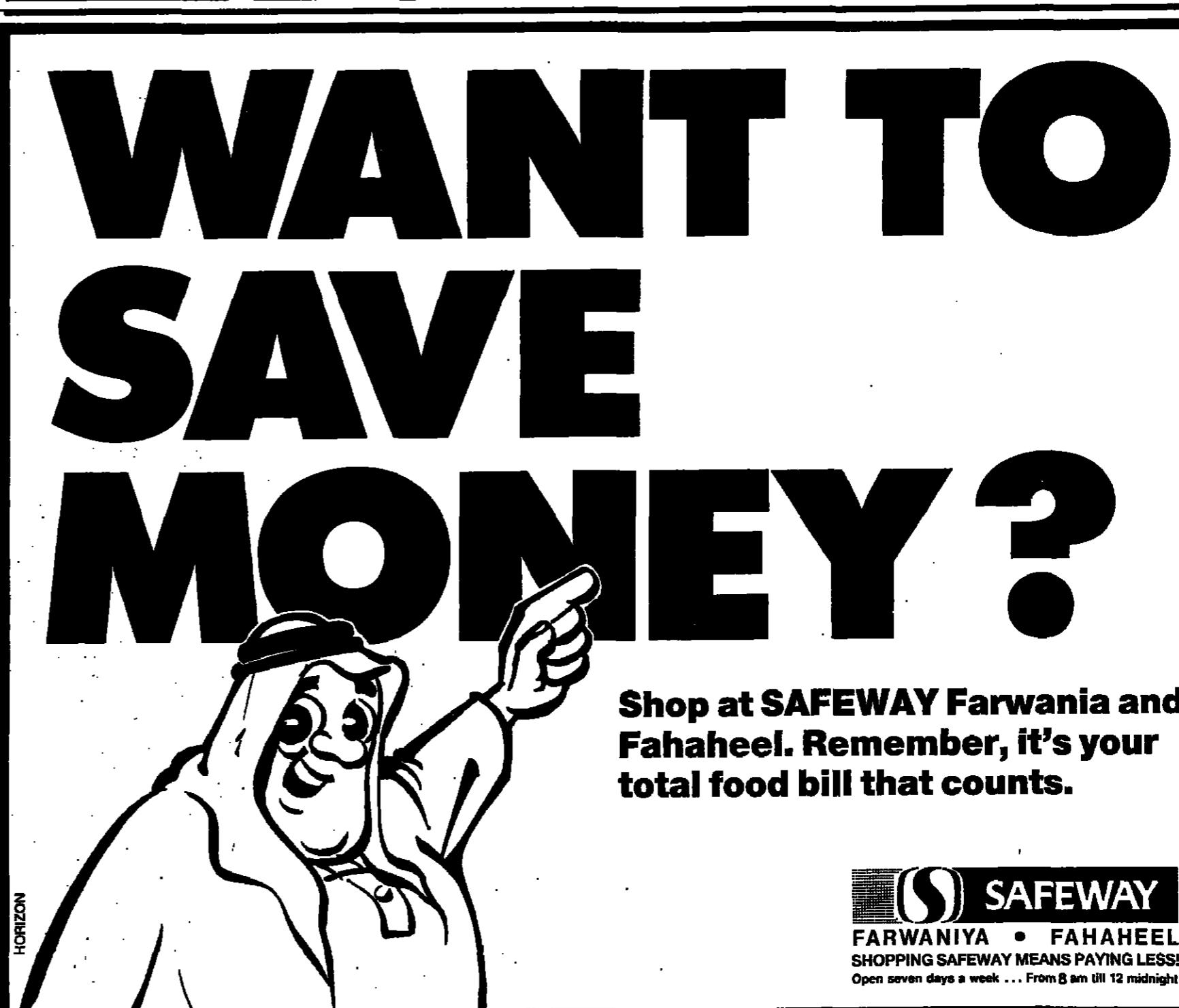
8.00 News in English

8.40 TV Bloopers and Practical Jokes

9.05 Spehser for Hire

10.00 The Bill Cosby Show: "Calling Dr Huxtable." Huxtable is on call . . . and believes he is overworked.

10.30 Late Night Movie: "White Witch Doctor." (1953). Starring: Robert Mitchum.



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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

I BELIEVE in the discipline of silence and can talk for hours about it — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born playwright (1856-1950).

OPINION

Arabs are proud of Iraqi victories

FOR the first time, the Iraqi President has said that Iraq has made such a decisive impact on the Gulf war that it can be considered effectively over and the conflict will end in 1988.

President Saddam Hussein, while honouring Iraqi fighters, departed from his normal visualising of the war scenario as one which would go on until both sides declare their desire to end it peacefully and honourably through negotiations.

His statement means that he and his Army have imposed peace which the whole world could not. This, much sought after peace, had evaded the efforts of the entire world to Iran's failure in accepting all mediation efforts, international resolutions and calls for brotherhood, friendship and appeals to stop bloodshed.

Realising the true stubborn and arrogant mentality of the fanatical Iranian leadership, Saddam, during the past eight years refrained from predicting any date for an end to the war. He patiently prepared his country and the Army for a prolonged war and stressed in all his press interviews and political meetings that the end of the war would come about only when the Iranian regime was ready to sit at the negotiation table and accept conditions for peace. Without this, the Iraqi President saw no end to the war.

It now appears that the President has reached the stage of achieving his goals and objectives when he announced that the war will be over by the end of this year.

Obviously Saddam's prediction of the end of the war is not based on weak premises. The President knows what he says and means exactly what he says. Having personally led his men into many major battles, his vision for setting a date to the end of the war is based on first hand information. The major defeats that Iran has suffered in the recent past will be crowned when the Iranian people remove the regime that is continually leading them to their destruction and death. Though this regime is led by a man on the verge of death it still seeks more death and the spilling of blood in an exercise in futile.

The Iranian internal front is unlike that of a few years or even a few months ago. The defeats of the Iranian Army have led to uncovering the many mistakes, misdeeds and misinterpreted ideologies of the Iranian regime. Under these obvious constraints, it will not be possible for men eloquent only in speeches — like Rafsanjani — to lead Iran to any form of victory. Rafsanjani will find that the sound of rifles is different from that of microphones.

Saddam Hussein is to be highly commended for achieving what the whole world was striving for — peace and the implementation of the UN Security Council resolutions. More so, Saddam has restored to Arabs their pride and true heritage. All Arabs who followed the events of the war are certainly proud of Iraq's victories. These victories will go down not only in the history of Iraq, but in the annals of the entire Arab world. All Arabs join Saddam, his Army, his people and the country in their victory celebrations.

With the end of the war, however, we the Arab people will be the most to regret the forthcoming events in Iran when the Iranian people will seek retribution and revenge from the leaders who pushed four million of the best Iranian youths to their untimely deaths in the senseless war. We pray for Allah's mercy upon them — for it is not mistakes of these victims. It was rather, the mistake of those who aspired to build up their own glory over the bodies of their compatriots.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Lebanese orphans live in constant fear

By Diana Abdallah

SFARAY, Lebanon, (Reuter): Children, whose constant companion is fear, play in rose gardens bordered by land-mines in a fragile sanctuary on the front-line of Lebanon's wars.

Shrapnel and empty cartridge cases are given places of honour at their bedside, alongside the pop posters and children's books of another world.

The 82 orphans and homeless Lebanese children living at the Austrian-founded SOS children's village, are effectively cut off from the outside by civil war and encircling armies.

"We live here with fear as our only companion," said Jamil Masaad, the director of the SOS village.

"If you search the world you will not find children living on such a battlefield," he said.

The compound lies on the Kfar Falous battlefield, the westernmost outpost of the Christian town of Jezzine separating Muslim and Palestinian fighters from Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) militiamen.

The SLA frontline, at a battle-scarred hospital, is only one km (less than a mile) south of the SOS compound.

The children's village, nestled among lush orchards on a hillside, overlooks hamlets and towns, including the port of Sidon, controlled by the Muslims.

One-sided view

SIR: This refers to a Christian Science Monitor article entitled "Japan discovers Israel" by Daniel Smelser, that appeared in the Arab Times on June 23, 1988.

In the article the writer allegedly describes that Japan is seeking its own interest through a visit to Israel by Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno, and further says that "Arab governments have protested the visit," and exaggerates the Japanese-Israeli trade exchange. I cannot but feel that the article is quite one-sided.

To the best of our knowledge, Arab governments have not protested the visit.

On the contrary, Syria, Jordan and Egypt decided to welcome Mr Uno's visit to their countries, being fully aware that he was visiting Israel after visiting these three states. Should they have been opposed to his visit to Israel, they would not have accepted his visit to our own countries.

Our embassy in Kuwait, through talks with Kuwaiti leaders as well as through observation of Kuwaiti and other Arab press regarding this visit, has noticed almost no criticisms of the visit by the Gulf countries. Maybe, the only criticism was the one raised by certain Arab ambassadors stationed in Tokyo.

As to the Japanese-Israeli commercial exchange, the article covers only one side of the story. Japan's trade with the

Arab world is far greater than that with Israel. We can confirm that the Japanese-Arab trade is \$27,906 million compared to that of only \$597 million with Israel as of 1986, that is to say, our trade with Arab world is 47 times more than that with Israel.

Japanese economic assistance and co-operation with the Arab countries amounted to \$267 million in 1986, compared to \$34 million with Israel in the same year, that is 785 times larger.

In Israel, which he visited only after visiting three Arab countries, Mr Uno had not only met Israeli leaders but also visited the occupied territories and met six eminent Palestinian people. He also visited the refugee camp of Dheisheh, where, having seen the situation and talked with the people there, he expressed heartfelt sympathy and announced Japan's intention to make a financial contribution of \$500,000.

In conclusion, let me recall that Japan's Middle Eastern policy is based on three essential principles. They are: (1) withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from all the Arab territories occupied since the 1967 war, (2) recognition of the right to self-determination of the Palestinian people including the right to establish an independent state, and (3) recognition of Israeli right of existence. Needless to say, these principles have been stressed by

Mr Uno during his visit to Israel.

Hara Satoshi,
Minister-Counsellor,
Embassy of Japan
In Kuwait

substantial payments to process their applications, and who disappeared into thin air after pocketing the money, often made from hard-earned savings.

More recently, needing some translation in German and in French, we entrusted a so-called self-designed translation firm, which had been widely advertising its services.

As we possess an extensive knowledge of French but not of German, we decided to ask that firm to translate the matter in both languages, to save time to judge the quality of their work.

The so-called French translation was not much better than the efforts of a Swahili in his first year of French as his third language. In other terms, it was a massacre of Voltaire's and Lamartine's beautiful language.

Had French been to us the mystery it was to the translator, we and our clients would have become the target of ridicule of all the readers.

We request for your assistance in protecting the readers, by whichever means you may think possible from those who want to make fools of us and the press.

E. Georgeoura,
Safat

Most Asians are kind, humble people who try not to get involved in trouble. Some Arabs treat them, ridiculing them in public. Sometimes, such behaviour has tragic consequences, such as the recent killing of a KPTC driver and bus conductor by a harassed Indian.

I request our Arab friends, on behalf of all Indians, not to mistreat Asians and not to provoke them to do wrong things.

A reader
(Name and address supplied)



School uniform

SIR: The New Indian School principal recently notified parents about the gradual change in school uniform.

Parents have already bought several uniforms for their children. Now, they will have to buy new uniforms. Due to the general economic recession, it is difficult for parents to spend large sums on new uniforms, particularly if more than one child is studying at the school. What will we do with the old uniforms?

I do not understand why the school management didn't take the opinion of parents. I hope the principal will reconsider his decision.

A parent
(Name and address supplied)

Footpath

SIR: A footpath is meant for the safety of pedestrians. Recently, due to security reasons barricades have been installed around the Central Telephone Exchange in Kuwait City. Pedestrians cannot use it and have to risk their lives while walking along the busy road. I request the authorities to allocate some space for the safety of pedestrians.

Alex Pinto,
Safat

Good news

SIR: V.P. Singh's victory in the recent Allahabad election is good news for his followers. Now there is the possibility of a strong opposition party leader in the Indian Parliament as the people of Allahabad have given the mandate to Singh.

H.S. Rao,
Safat

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Japanese companies become more open about arms sales plans

By James Kynge

TOKYO, (Reuter): Flatlining one of post-war Japan's biggest taboos, some Japanese companies have begun talking openly about expanding their sales of weapons.

The fastest growth by the defence industry since World War II and recent demands by the United States that Japan spend more on its military have combined to draw arms makers into the daylight, analysts said.

Nissan Motor, known throughout the world as an automaker, asked its shareholders yesterday to approve a change in the company's articles acknowledging for the first time that it makes weapons, a company spokeswoman said.

The automotive giant has been manufacturing military hardware for the last 34 years, she told Reuters.

"The reason we changed our articles of incorporation" she said, "is because we think that national defence is very important."

"Work for the defence agency has been increasing and we are going to accept more work in the future."

Sales
In sales terms, Nissan does not even rank among the top 20 contractors to Japan's defence agency, but analysts said the company's move was typical of a trend among weapons makers to become more open about their trade.

"A few years ago you would visit companies and they would not even discuss their defence business," said Stephen Marvin, analyst at Jardine Fleming (securities) in Tokyo.

"Now, the reticence toward defence is clearly receding very rapidly," he said. "They talk

about it as a viable growth sector."

Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries changed its articles of incorporation to include the word "weapon" in June, 1987, a company spokesman said.

It has long been one of the defence agency's top 10 military contractors, an agency spokesman said.

The leading shipbuilder and heavy machinery maker boasts a 70 per cent Japanese market share in jet engines, analysts said.

Brought to its knees by conquering American armies and two atomic bombs, Japan adopted a non-aggression article of World War II forbidding it from waging war except for self-defence.

But recent military spending has been rising steadily. In December, 1986, the government decided to let its defence budget exceed one per cent of total annual sales in five years, up from five per cent in the year ended March 31, 1988. About 80 per cent of the aircraft are destined for the air self-defence force, the spokesman said.

General manager of the weapons-making section of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Yasuaki Yamada, told Reuters he hoped to increase the size of his division to account for a third or at least a quarter of the whole company's sales. Mitsubishi is already the largest of the Japanese defence contractors.

In the year ended last March 31, Mitsubishi's aerospace and special vehicle division, which Yamada manages, claimed just 18.3 per cent of the company's sales.

Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Japan's second biggest military goods merchant, want to increase its defence-related production by one or two per cent of total sales in the current year, ending March 31, 1989, a company spokesman said.

Last year, 20 to 25 per cent of Kawasaki's \$79.73 billion yen (\$4.5 billion) in sales were in defence-related equipment, the spokesman said.

On June 23, the company said it was considering bidding for a role in a US-sponsored research project aimed at creating a high-altitude missile shield above the Western Pacific. The project is part of America's Strategic Defence Initiative programme, also known as "Star Wars,"

Demands
Washington called on Japan earlier this year for increased military spending to take some of the financial burden off the country's protection off America's shoulders.

Yamada said: "Against this background, rather than welcoming (higher military spending) we see it as our duty."

Marvin said extensive media coverage of the US demands and the defence budget expansion had made the issue of Japan's growing arsenal less sensitive.

The defence industry was a subject of speculation on the Tokyo stock market at the beginning of June.

Strikes threaten Prem before polls

believed to be behind the industrial unrest, and had been implicated in an abortive coup against Prem in the past.

But the sources stressed that the man had no current links with the armed forces, which have pledged to stay on the sidelines in the election campaign.

"In a country like Thailand, where the word coup is in everybody's mind at times like these, Prem can't afford to ignore the strikers," said one Western diplomat.

Power
Until recently the military was a key power base in Thai society, with former senior officers taking over state-run enterprises after finishing active service.

Commented one Western diplomat: "There's a trend towards a rise of capital and the decline of traditional power sources — to wit, the Army."

"How much this worries the military remains to be seen."

Prem, a 67-year-old former armed forces commander-in-chief, became prime minister in 1980, chosen as a compromise candidate acceptable to the military, the civil servants and the monarchy.

He has been the target of two

failed coup attempts. Since 1986 Thailand's economy has expanded rapidly, with exports booming and steadily increasing foreign investment.

The gross domestic product is predicted to grow by between eight and nine per cent for this year, compared with 7.1 per cent in 1987.

Despite the labour unrest, politicians say they do not expect any major confrontations ahead of countrywide celebrations to mark 42 years on the throne by King Bhumibol Adulyadej, Thailand's longest-serving modern monarch, in the first week of July.

Respect
The Thai royal family is held in deep respect by the bulk of the country's 54 million people.

Only last week a politician was jailed for four years for insulting the king.

Political analysts rate Prem's chances of returning to power as high because no single party looks likely to win an absolute majority in the 357-seat parliament.

Student leaders have called for the next prime minister to be one who has run for office, a clear challenge to Prem.

40 years after break with Moscow

By Ivan Stefanovic

Troubled times for Yugoslavia

dismissed by the Kremlin as heretic revisionism.

Now, some of the consumer goods are still available, albeit at much higher prices, but there is also a 170-per cent inflation, the highest in Europe, rising unemployment and stagnating production, compounded by a \$21-billion foreign debt.

In addition, the government doesn't want to embarrass Moscow following Mikhail Gorbachev's March visit that showed Yugoslav-Soviet relations at a new level of cordiality.

Grappling with a host of burgeoning economic and political problems, Yugoslavia with 23 million people would have preferred that the anniversary fall in better times.

Yet state-run media have kept silent on the anniversary on Tuesday and no official celebration is planned, primarily because of economic and political problems gripping the nation.

On Tuesday, the Information Bureau, a Soviet-dominated grouping of all communist nations and parties, at a meeting held in Bucharest, Romania, unanimously voted to expel Yugoslavia from the organisation for alleged revisionism and "deserting the principles of Marxism-Leninism."

The move signified Yugoslavia's excommunication from the Soviet bloc.

Moscow and its allies immediately imposed a trade boycott that hit Yugoslavia particularly hard, as more than 80 per cent of its foreign trade had until then been conducted with its ideological allies.

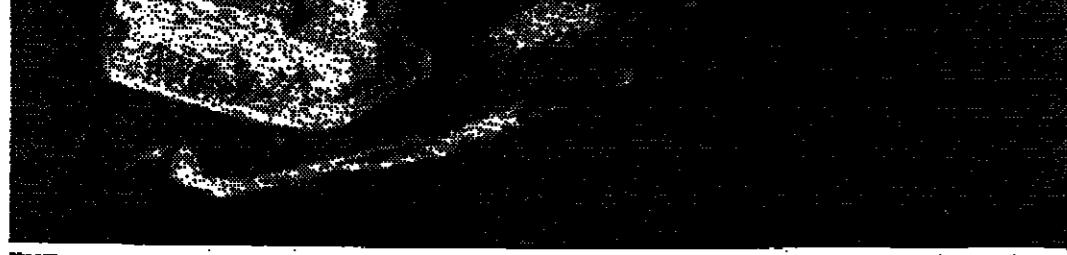
To offset the consequences, Tito accepted economic aid and military equipment from the United States, and received aid in foreign trade also from France and Great Britain.

Since then things have changed fast, but not for the better.

Now, largely because of indiscriminate borrowing and mismanaged economic investments, Yugoslavia is going through its worst economic crisis since the wartime privations.</

INFOCUS

The world today



THE mine-damaged US frigate Samuel B. Roberts perches on the deck of a special cargo ship that will carry it on a 40-day journey from the Gulf to a repair yard in the United States. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOVIET leader Mikhail Gorbachev (right) speaking with fellow Politburo members Ygor Ligachev (left) and Alexander Yakovlev at the Communist Party conference in Moscow yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



FRENCH President Francois Mitterrand (foreground right) and Prime Minister Michel Rocard pose for photographers with the new cabinet, at the Elysee Palace, yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



SUNDAY NANA, 65, stands in the yard of his depot, where hazardous chemicals from Italy are stored in broken containers. (Reuter wirephoto)



TURKISH rescue workers pull out one of the victims who were trapped in a coffee-house debris after a landslide engulfed the Catak village on June 23. (Reuter wirephoto)



VICE-PRESIDENT George Bush points to a reporter to take another question during a news conference in a wind tunnel at the NASA-Ames Research Centre in Mountain View, California. (Reuter wirephoto)



ARMED communist rebels, (right) shake hands with government soldiers whom they set free after nearly two months of captivity in the Philippines' central province of Negros Occidental. (Reuter wirephoto)



EMERGENCY workers rushing 'casualties' to safety during a security exercise yesterday at Seoul airport, entry port for thousands of athletes and tourists coming to this year's Olympics. (Reuter wirephoto)



DISSIDENT Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre ordains a new priest in a ceremony yesterday. Lefebvre plans to consecrate four bishops today without papal approval resulting in Lefebvre and the bishops being automatically excommunicated from the Roman Catholic church. (Reuter wirephoto)



MICAELA Aguilera de Garcia hugs her son Jose de Jesus Garcia Aguilera when they were reunited on Tuesday. The boy was found wandering the streets of Juarez last year, and had been a mystery to child welfare workers on both sides of Mexico border. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOLDIERS and forensic experts examine the remains of a bus after a bomb exploded under it, injuring two people in Lissanea, Northern Ireland. (Reuter wirephoto)



KIM DAE-JUNG, South Korea's best known dissident, addressed Parliament yesterday for the first time in 16 years. (Reuter wirephoto)

O neeson's Landscapes

Grad school or junior high?

SANTA CRUZ, California, (AP): After graduating from college in three years, 11-year-old Adrián Eastwood de Melo faces a mind-boggling choice: should he pursue the answer to cosmic riddles? Or should he go to junior high?

Like most boys his age, the freckle-faced lad with a prince valiant haircut would rather not go back to junior high. "I already know that stuff," he lamented as he received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Cowell College at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

But, unless Adrián is admitted to a graduate programme, he will be required by state law to go to junior high this fall. His father, Augustin de Melo, is prepared to send his son abroad to escape that fate.

Adrián would like to continue his studies at the Santa Cruz campus, but has not yet heard whether he's been accepted in the graduate division for the fall.

"I want to start learning scientific programming next year," he said. "I want to go into astrophysics or particle physics, which hopefully will lead to the discovery of the creation of the universe, which is what I'm interested in."

Fishing contest deemed cruel

HAMM, West Germany, (AP): A West German court has fined two organisers of a fishing contest 1,200 marks (714 dollars) each for cruelty to animals after ruling that fish feel pain when hooked and pulled from the water.

The unusual decision grew out of a suit filed by an animal rights group against a local angling club that staged a fishing contest two years ago.

The object of the contest was to see which fisherman could catch the most pounds of fish in two days. After the fish were pulled in and weighed, they were returned to the water.

Civil court judge Horst Brinkmann based his decision on testimony of experts called in to determine whether or not fish feel pain when hooked, and if they suffered during the time they were out of the water.

Four wildlife experts testified that an increased heart and labored breathing of the fish after they were pulled from the water indicated that fish feel pain. Brinkmann ruled that fishing was permissible if fish were quickly killed, and if they were caught for useful purposes.

But the judge said that simply catching the fish to weigh and determine which angler was more skilled subjected the creatures to unusually cruel treatment.

"Fishing contests serve no further purpose than to determine who has won," Brinkmann ruled.

Run and deliver ... together

OMAHA, Nebraska, (AP): Jim and Geoff Hall -- aid runners who have spent many summers breaking each other's track records -- are used to a little brotherly competition.

This time, the race was on in the maternity ward at Bergan Mercy Hospital.

The two Hall cousins arrived on the same day, delivered by the same doctor.

Also, both mothers are 27 with first names beginning with "K."

Things were a bit confused at first. Geoff, 27, and his wife, Kim, arrived at Bergan's emergency entrance first.

"Jim and Kathy showed up about 15 minutes later and told the people at the desk, 'We're Kathy and Jim Hall.' And the people at the desk said, 'No, you're not.' They're here," Geoff recalled.

Forgotten goods

DES MOINES, Iowa, (AP): For the second time in five months, maids at a motor hotel have found a bundle of cash worth thousands of dollars inside a room.

"What, again?" asked police detective Warren Martin after a cleaning woman reported finding 5,000 dollars. Martin has been trying to locate the owner of the last batch of money, about 10,000 dollars, at the Budget motel.

Officer Larry Smiley said the maid who found the latest money was "really pretty calm about it. I can see someone forgetting their toothbrush, maybe even their luggage. But all that money?"

The man who most recently rented the room left an address in Arizona after first starting to write Kansas on the desk register. Police have the name of the man who last rented the room where the 10,000 dollars was found and traced him to an address in California, but attempt to contact him have been unsuccessful.

Reagan's Soviet namesake

MOSCOW, (AP): Happy parents Romulad and Biruta Saltsevich from Soviet Latvia have named their fifth child, a boy weighing 11 pounds (5kg), Ronald -- for the US President, the Soviet News Agency Tass reports.

Tass quoted the Saltsevich, a railwayman, and his wife as saying they believe in the success of the Soviet-US summit in Moscow and hope for a peaceful future for their children and for all young people on earth.

Confessions of a single dieter

By Richard Rothstein

I'VE tried dieting, and I've tried love and I've learned one thing in the process: The two don't mix. If you came to my apartment, you could guess my marital status by just peeking in the refrigerator.

On an average day, my sister's "married" fridge contains a bakery window's worth of cakes, enough fruit juice to float a tank, half a pizza, beer, bagels, waffles, yogurt, ice pops, foil-wrapped leftovers, and my eleven-year-old nephew's school science experiment.

In contrast, my temptation-free refrigerator stores ketchup from 1981, diet margarine, "lite" cheese, cantaloupe, one head of brownish lettuce, a case of diet soda, ice cubes, and something close to seventy-five duck-sauce packets from Chinese take-out restaurant.

Unappetizing as the contents of my refrigerator may be, the absence of tasty snacks makes it easier to count calories. I don't have to watch someone else munch on potato chips and onion dip, while I'm trying to convince myself that the String Bean Surprise I've concocted is really a double-bacon cheeseburger and that I don't even like chips.

Married dieters are lucky in some ways; they have the security of structured mealtimes. They also have a (usually) sympathetic shoulder to cry on when the going gets tough and a personal cheering section to urge them on with cries of "Let's win this one for the zipper!"

I have only my old friend, Will Power, to cheer me. Sometimes, Will follows me around like a show. At other times, it seems that I've lost him completely. When he's feeling really mean, Will sneaks up on

me late at night when I'm curled up on the sofa bed with Joan Collins, watching *Dynasty*. At such times my fridge starts shaking violently, like a possessed creature in a Stephen King novel.

And yet, I'd still pick solo calorie cutting. For one thing, I know I'm eating my way. When I was a kid, dinner included an appetizer, a main course, and if I finished all my Brussels sprouts, dessert. I'm convinced that Mom (not to mention any woman I'd want to date) would be horrified if she knew that, at times, I eat my meals in the reverse order, starting with low-calorie chocolate pudding, followed by salad and, two hours later, by a frozen diet TV dinner.

For another thing, a lover is no guarantee of moral support. I lived several months without one of those weird people who can eat what they want, when they want — without gaining a

By Art Buchwald

SOMETHING has been happening with my vision lately. Every time I see a headline with the word "Dukakis" in it, my eyes glaze over.

I was worried enough about the situation to go to my ophthalmologist, Dr. Kip Robinson.

I told him my symptoms and he said, "I'm familiar with your problem. I've had many patients complain about the same thing."

"I'm glad I'm not alone," I replied with relief.

"What's the cause of it?"

"It's more than an eye problem. When you read the word 'Dukakis,' a message is sent to the brain asking what you should do about it, and the brain responds by telling you go to sleep."

"It's hard to believe," I said.

"All right, now read the chart on the wall."

"D-U-K-A-K-I-S."

"How do you feel?"

"Groggy. I can hardly keep my eyes open."

Dukakis blindness

"And yet your eyesight is fine. Let's put some statements up here, and then you tell me if your vision is better or worse when reading them."

"I want to make this country as great as it was before," I read out loud.

"That's good. Now I'm going to flash another statement: 'I am the governor of a state that has no unemployment.' Is that any better, or is it worse?"

"It's more blurry."

"Okay — the last one: 'I think what a President needs around him are people he can trust, and who are also honest and loyal.'

"My eyes glazed over completely on that one."

"There is no doubt in my mind that you have what we call the Dukakis Syndrome. The Dukakis Syndrome works like this: You will read every story that has Ed Meese's name in the headline, and pass over every one that has Dukakis in it."



instrument and will try to avoid sending boring stories to the brain. It senses when something isn't worth reading about. I think that the best thing for you to do is go home to bed and just accept the fact that you cannot concentrate on a Dukakis story. If you continue to worry about it, you'll only get a headache."

"I'm grateful to you, Doctor. If you hadn't told me what was wrong I would never have been able to get through the election."

"There is none. We're predicting that it's going to get worse as the election gets nearer. The most interesting part is that the polls are showing most people afflicted with Dukakis Syndrome are going to vote for him for what?"

"I told Dr. Robinson, 'I have as much trouble reading about the INF treaty as I do reading about Dukakis. My eyes automatically close when I see a story about the missile agreement. Is there any connection between Dukakis and the INF pact?'"

"It's part of the same virus family. We know that the eye is a very sensitive

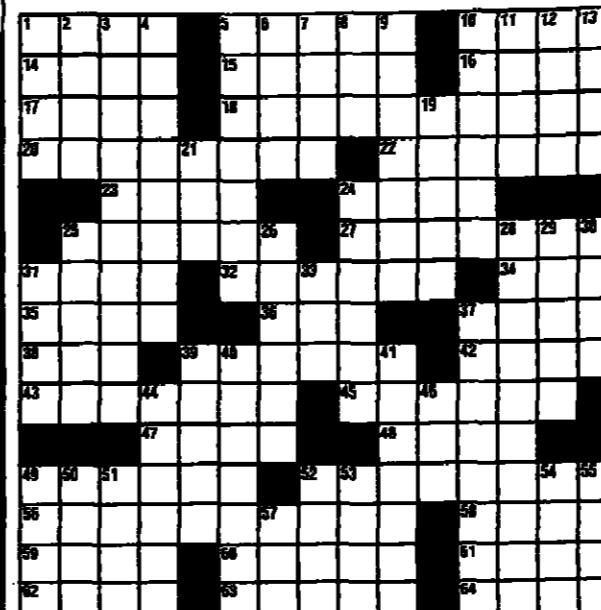
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By Smith

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Q.1—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦Q76 ♠93 ♦K10 ♣A10873

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ 2 ♠ ?

What action do you take?

A.—One possibility is to bid two no trump, in the hope that partner has enough for game. However, since there is no guarantee of game, we suggest you double. You should take at least three, perhaps four, tricks on defense. So if partner has a sound opening bid you could collect a bundle.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦AK10762 ♠AJ93 ♦72 ♣6

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—You have already shown a decent hand with your two-over-one response, so now there is no need to do anything more than take a preference to two spades. The fact that you have the two top honors in partner's suit was already taken into account when you responded at the two-level.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦83 ♠QJ762 ♦Q106 ♣J73

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

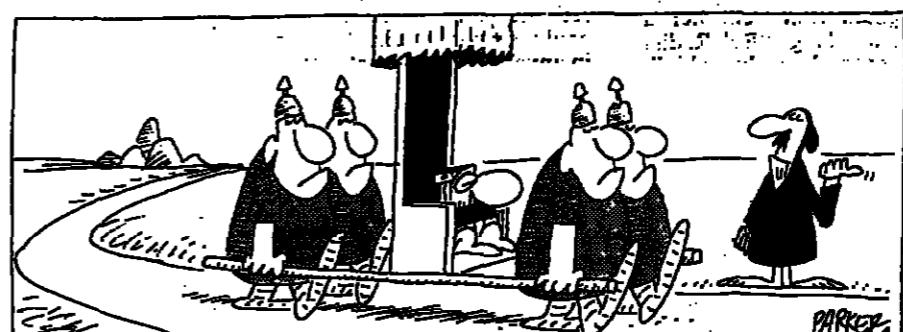
A.—Partner's jump shift is unconditionally forcing, so don't even

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Something that has been bothering you will resolve itself. You should think carefully before you enter into a new commitment. Do not rely on a piece of good luck to get you out of trouble. Be considerate.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should not do anything on the spur of the moment. A little more common sense and great deal more goodwill is what is needed just now. Avoid being excessively critical. Be frugal.



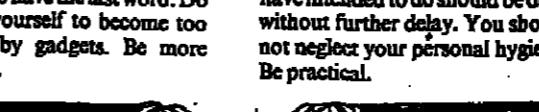
Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You should make sure you do not forget a skill you have not been using lately, keep practising. You should not do anything that would contradict something you have already done. Leave yourself more time for your private pursuits. Be helpful.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You should not allow some secondary matter to take up too much of your time and attention. Make sure you listen to what others have to say and do not hesitate to ask if you think you have not quite understood. Take better care of your health. Be moderate.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should seek to keep things simple. Make sure you listen to what others are saying and do not always try to have the last word

CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

By
Firoze Rangoonwala

IN the death of Raj Kapoor, India's film world lost one of its most genuine talents. Such a multi-faced talent is born just once in half a century. Various forms of tributes were paid to him including biographical documentaries, TV productions and a couple of books.

But these have all failed to probe the mystique behind the actor, film maker, showman, pet of the film world and the eternal lover that he was known as. There were many aspects to this man which are little-known and require to be probed in order to understand the psyche of a creative artist in the film medium. In fact there was also a complete other side to the "lovable man" (as he was known to the outside world.)

His personal life itself could be a topic of much discussion on grounds of ethics the normal human criteria which film celebrities ignore with audacity. Of course, Raj was largely a simple and modest man, devoted to his work and his studio. But then he also drank heavily, lost his sense of balance, treated people gruffly and kept up his weakness for women. He also stuck to the commercialism of Bombay's cinema and suppressed his dreams of making unusual films. In his early life he was too busy and in his later life too weak and addicted to do what he wanted.

That is why Raj was haunted by many memories. He could not forget his youth, his success as a handsome hero, his early films which were sensible as well as successful. Above all, he could not forget Nargis, his main inspiration in the youthful days, who was the life force of his films and a pillar of the R. K. Studio which he constructed when "Awara" was being shot. But then, Raj was also accused of exploiting women and exposing the female anatomy in his films. After the parting with Nargis came Padmavati and then Vyjayantimala who grew very close to him. Since then, his films became more vulgar and showy. He often gave up direction of many films and entrusted it to others. His family life was stormy. Why?

There is a lot of "why" and "how" about Raj which cinephiles will keep wondering over. The two documentaries made on him before his death don't probe into such intimate problems or into his growth and decline as an artist. They merely scrape the surface of his films and show him more as a song and dance master. Simi's one-hour movie made for BBC tries to dig his relation with Nargis, while skipping the case of Vyjayantimala (now a Member of Parliament). While speaking on Nargis, too, Raj does not exactly emerge with flying colours. He simplifies the whole issue by saying: "My wife is not my actress and my actress is not my wife."

When asked why he never married Nargis, he makes it worse by explaining: "My actress is my heroine, she cannot be the mother of my children like my wife." People may then well ask why a director and hero keeps such intimate levels with heroines, that some of them nearly escape becoming mothers of his children. It is the velocity of love and libido that fuels the making of excellent films. But then the consequences of such love should not be

The real Raj Kapoor



Modern day Krishna? A young Raj surrounded by young women.

faced by the woman alone. Here again Raj passes the buck by saying: "The actresses see on the screen what I have done with them. It is not me they love but themselves. So nobody is cheated."

The film by Siddharth Kak avoids such issues, being a production of the government body Films Division. Both films carry the story of how Raj had first met Nargis and then transcribed the same scene in "Bobby" with Rishi and Dimple. It is refreshing until you realize it's a publicity gimmick. This is confirmed by another stunt Simi tries to pull off which falls flat. It says that when Raj wanted Vyjayantimala for "Sangham", he sent her a telegram asking: "Bol Radha bol sangam hoga ki nahin".

From the location where she was doing another film, she sent back a cable saying: "Hoga hoga hoga". The immigrant population of London, seeing this on BBC might have been convinced, but we know it was all for a song.

In Simi's film, the sub-titles in English appear for some time and then vanish... perhaps she realizes that the Britishers are not going to watch it closely. In fact she uses such an extract from "Ram Teri" right at the start, that it would put off any film buff. Another fib is that Nargis was 16 years old when Raj signed her for "Aag".

Actually, she had played heroine in many films by then. When Raj's family members are interviewed they go haywire in over-praising him. Randhir says that Raj was like a fire brigade. Rajeet says that he was the Pope of cinema and brother Shashi describes him as a modern incarnation of Lord Krishna (who was always surrounded by gopi i.e. maidens). Raj's daughter Rima says that she loved her father as he was a complete man.

Where Raj sounds more true is while confessing: "I am full of regrets. I could not reach where I wanted. Now there is very



Raj Kapoor with Vyjayantimala, once a very close friend.

going breathless". There are semi-circular camera shots of him with different expressions as he recalls the past. The scene from "Mera Nam Joker" where the clown's heart is removed and doctors operate on him came very near to his real-life condition in the Delhi hospital, when Simi's film was being telecast.

After his death, television put up different tribute programmes. One was so badly recorded that nothing could be heard of what the film people and politicians were saying.

The second one, also done by

Sai Paranjpe in Hindi, proved better. Ashok Kumar said that they lived in the same area, Chembur, and had been friends from childhood. There could not be a merrier person. Dev Anand gave the routine line that Raj is not dead, he lives in the hearts and minds of people. L.V. Prasad said that Raj did the unusual role in "Sharda" which other heroes refused. Even the Delhi doctors praised him by saying that Raj was a very brave patient, who would smile "good morning" without fail till he was unconscious.

Some apt remarks came from Basu Bhattacharya, who made only one film "Teesri Kasam" with him. Speaking in broken Hindi, Basu said that Raj can be called a restless actor and a dissatisfied film maker. He loved every moment of film-making but he did not see his real dreams come true. His earlier films were his best work. But later he was overpowered by commercial pressures. Salil Choudhury said that deep inside the commercial showman was an intellectual who wanted to make better films. That is why after seeing Bimal Roy's realistic "Do Bigha Zamin" he had said: "I wish I had made this film".

The final touch of grief as well as hope was promoting the idea that Raj Kapoor will be reborn very soon. Maunohan Desai said that he believed in re-birth and this will happen soon. Rajendra Kumar, who was like a younger brother, quoted "I will die early. But don't worry, I will go fast and come back almost immediately". So after 15 years we will have another Raj Kapoor. This was soon echoed by many fans.

Whether we believe it or not, it only shows the deep affection which so many people had for Raj Kapoor and their inability to accept that he is no longer there.



The last journey.

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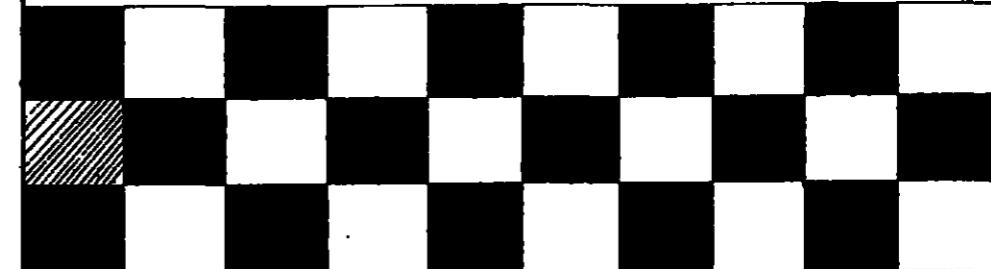
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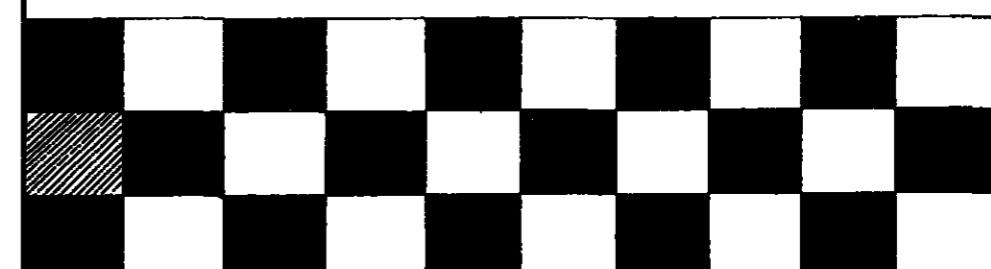
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Dear Junior Readers,

In my letter to you on Tuesday, I talked about how we should be happy with what we have and not feel jealous or think ourselves unlucky because we cannot have everything we want.

We should try to stop comparing ourselves to those people who have more and instead, spend more time thinking and caring about the many millions in our world who have a lot less. Think of the children who perhaps have no food, no clothes, are always ill and live in dirty, dangerous places. Think that maybe, their parents cannot find work or their parents are not alive, so the older children have to work long hours to help earn money to buy food for their younger brothers and sisters. If they live in big cities, the children perhaps work for bad people and start to live bad lives themselves. We cannot imagine how terrible their lives are. There are children who have food, clothes and somewhere to live, but have other problems. Think of children who are blind or deaf or cannot move their bodies. Think of children who are always in hospital or have illnesses which hurt all the time.

We must not forget these poor children, we must care about them and try to help them. Be kind to anyone who is not as lucky as you and remember that there are many many in the world who would be happy with even half the things you have.

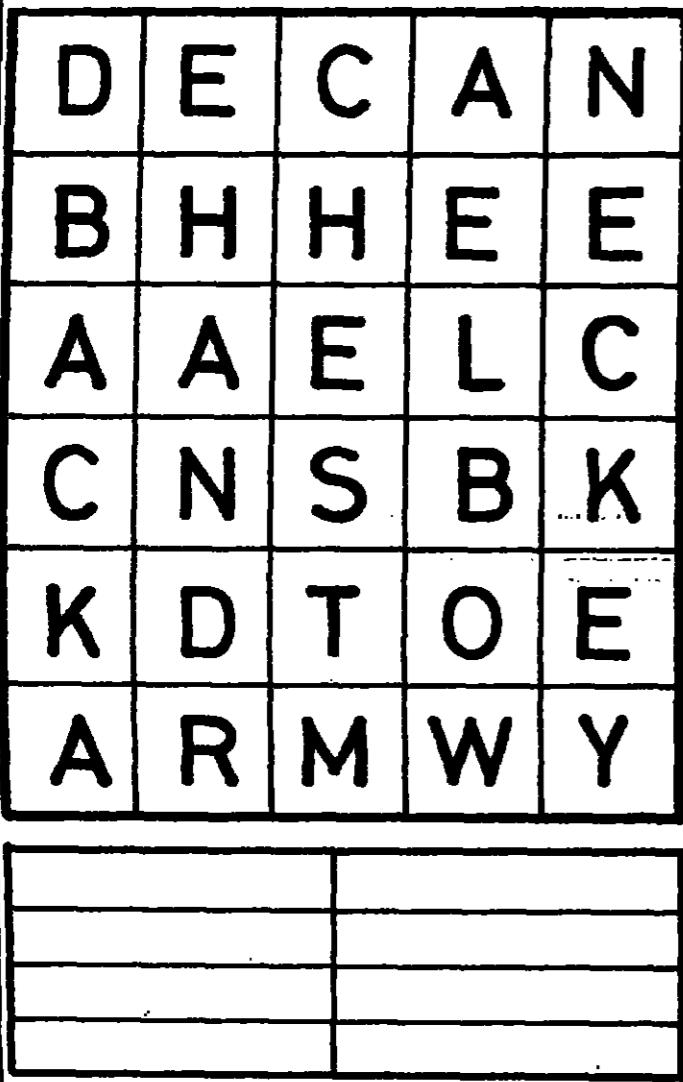
Auntie Jayne

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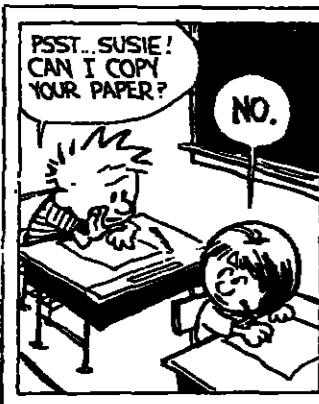
Mark Fernandes celebrates his third birthday today. Best wishes, Mark, from your parents, sister, relatives and friends.



MOVING IN ANY DIRECTION, IN A STRAIGHT LINE, FIND EIGHT PARTS OF THE BODY.



Solution to 'Crack the code': the package is waiting in London. Inspector Cluefinder is after me so I'm off!



When the reptiles flew
Perhaps we shall never know for what mysterious reasons some of the reptiles suddenly tried to take to the air and conquer the sky. The fact is, however, that traces of numerous winged reptiles are to be found next to the fossils of the great dinosaurs dating from more than 130 million years ago.

One of the most widespread and the most ancient was the Dimorphodon. It looked like a monstrous bat and its size was remarkable: its skull alone measured 22 centimetres long.

The large-skulled Dimorphodon disappeared quickly, to be followed by other winged reptiles of various shapes and sizes. The Rhamphorhynchus was very common, with its peculiar tail ending in a diamond-shaped rudder, and there were various pterodactyls. The name means 'winged fingers' and refers to the very long little finger which kept the whole flap of flying-membrane taut.

In the course of time the winged reptiles grew bigger and bigger and better and better at flying. The largest and the best at flying was probably the Pteranodon, fossils of which have been found in North America and Russia.

It had a wing span of a

The miller, his son and the ass

A MILLER and his son were driving their ass to a neighbouring fair to sell him.

They had not gone far when they met a troop of girls returning from the town, talking and laughing.

'Look there!' cried one of them, 'did you see such fools, to be trudging along the road on foot, when they might be riding!'

The old man, hearing this, quietly bade his son get on the ass, and walked along merrily by the side of him. Presently they came to a group of old men, who were talking together.

'There!' said one of them, 'it proves what I was saying. What respect is shown to old age in these days? Do you see that idle young rogue riding while his old father has to walk?'

'Get down, you good-for-nothing, and let the old man rest his weary limbs!' cried another.

Upon this the father made his son dismount and got up himself; but they had not proceeded far when they met a company of women and children.

'Why, you lazy old fellow!' cried several people at once, 'how can you

Aesop's fables

ride upon the best while this poor little lad can hardly keep pace by the side of you?'

The good-natured miller immediately took up his son behind him, and they rode in this manner until they had almost reached the town.

'Pray, honest friend,' said a townsman, 'is that ass your own?'

'Yes,' replied the old man.

'By the way you load him, one would not have thought so,' said the other. 'Why, you two fellows are better able to carry the poor beast than he you!'

'If you think it the right thing to do,' said the old man, 'we can but try.'

So, alighting with his son, they tied the ass's legs to a stout pole, which they shouldered, and so got ready to carry him over a bridge that led to the town.

This was so entertaining a sight that the people ran out in crowds to laugh at it, until the ass, not liking the noise nor the situation, broke from the cords that bound him and tumbled off the pole into the river below.

Annoyed and ashamed, the old man made his way home again, convinced that by endeavouring to please everybody he had pleased nobody, and lost his ass to the bargain.

Moral: He who tries to please everybody pleases nobody.

The cat and the fox

A CAT and a fox were exchanging views upon the difficulties of living in peace and safety from those who were always ready to take their lives.

'I do not care a bit for any of them,' said the fox at last. 'Things may be very bad, as you say, but I have a thousand tricks to show my enemies before they can do me harm.'

'You are fortunate,' replied the cat. 'For my part, I have only one way of evading my enemies, only one method of escape and if that fails all is lost.'

'I am sorry for you with all my heart,' said Reynard. 'If one could tell a friend from a foe in these difficult times, I would show you one or two of my tricks.'

Hardly had he finished

speaking when a pack of hounds burst suddenly upon them.

The cat, resorting to her single trick, ran up a tree, and from the security of the topmost branches witnessed the downfall of the braggart.

Unable to make up his mind which of the thousand tricks he would adopt the fox was quickly caught before he could put even one of them into cooperation.

Moral: Pride goes before a fall.

The travellers and the bear

TWO friends were travelling on the same road together when they came face to face with a bear.

One in great fear, and without a thought of his companion, climbed into a tree and hid.

The other, seeing that, single-handed, he was no match for Bruin the bear, threw himself on the ground and pretended to be dead for he had heard that a bear will not touch a dead body.

The bear approached him, sniffing at his nose



said he. 'I observed that he put his mouth very close to your ear.'

'Why,' replied the other, 'it was no great secret. He only advised me not to keep company with those who, when they get into difficulty, leave their friends in the lurch.'

Moral: Misfortune tests the sincerity of friends.

Jewellery tomfoolery

The illusion:

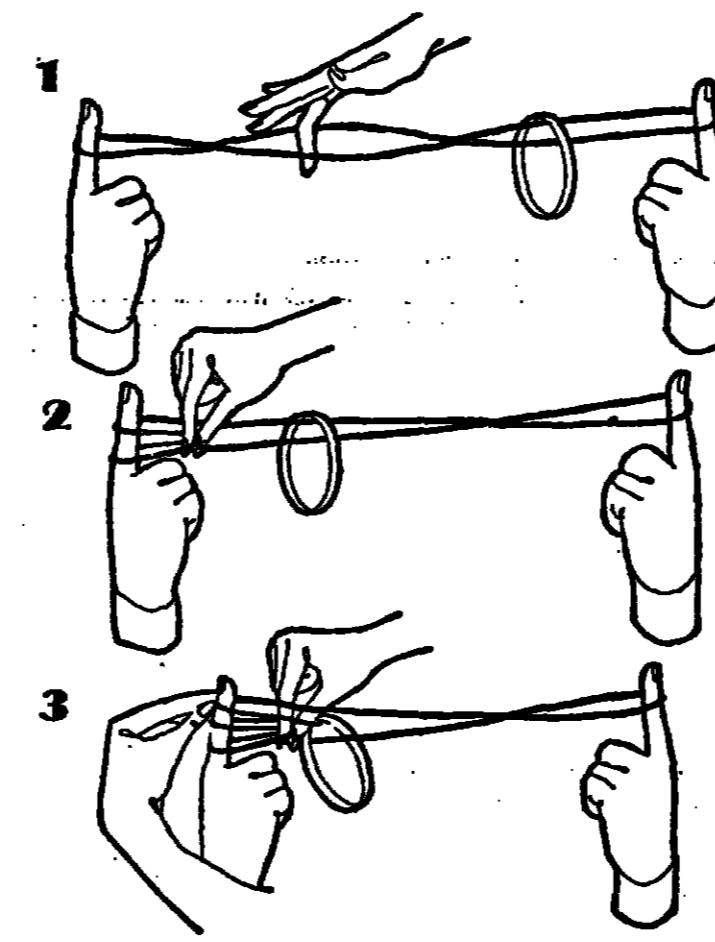
A solid bangle bracelet is threaded over both strands of a long chain necklace. Each end of the chain is then hooked over someone's index fingers. The challenge is to remove the bracelet from the chain while leaving the chain still looped over two fingers ... and surprisingly, you do! The trick:

With your right middle finger pointing down towards the floor place it on your side of the chain between the bracelet and the person's right finger. Pushing against that strand of the chain, lift it so you can transfer it to the other side of the chain. The two strands now make an X in front of and behind your middle finger (1). Put your right index finger in the loop on the side of the X to the left of your middle finger, slide your thumb down through the same loop as your middle finger, and put the tips of your index finger and thumb together. (Keep these two fingers tightly together until it's time to remove the bracelet.) Slide your right hand to the left and transfer the loop around your middle finger down onto the person's upright finger

(2). Your left hand takes the strand of chain closest to you where it comes around the person's left finger, brings it all the way over to the person's right finger and drops the chain over it (3) Now take the bracelet in your left hand,

separate your right finger and thumb, and take all of the fingers of your right hand out of the chain. When you pull on the bracelet it will come off the chain leaving it still looped over the fingers.

That was easy, wasn't it?



Truly amazing!

Tattooing on the chin was once a sign of high rank among the Maoris of New Zealand, and though no longer practised, it is quite common among the elders.

Fans were found in the tomb of Tutankhamun, with their ostrich feathers intact after more than 3,000 years.

Rossini, the Italian composer, wrote 38 operas in the first 37 years of his life, and though he lived for another 39 years, never wrote another one.

A frog's tongue grows from the front of its mouth, which allows for a longer reach when catching insects.

In 1905 a man ran up the 729 steps of the Eiffel Tower in Paris in 3 minutes 12 seconds.

There is a set of traffic lights in Venice which controls the junction of two canals.

In theory the lowest possible temperature is -273.15°C, absolute zero.

Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.

In 1888 in Moradabad, Northern India, 246 people were killed by hailstones.

The giant squid, whose length can exceed 15 metres, has the largest eyes of any living animal; they measure 38 cms across.

Between 1851 and 1852, 55 boys under fourteen were sent to prison for stealing less than six pence.

In the 1920s a census taken among Eskimos showed that less than one in forty-six had ever seen an igloo.

The card game, Bridge, originated in Turkey.

The highest falls are the Angel Falls in Venezuela, at over 900 metres high.

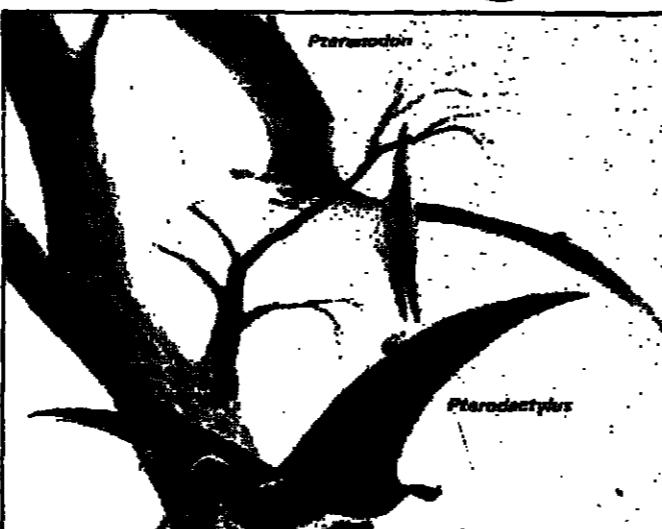
Ice-cream was invented by a Frenchman called Gerald Tissain in 1620.

Baked beans were originally served with molasses; tomato sauce was substituted in 1880, fifty years after their introduction.

The smallest Greek Island of Mikonos has 365 churches built on it.

According to official US figures there is one suicide every twenty minutes in that country.

When life began



good 7 metres and spent its time skimming over the water, catching fish and shellfish. Its incredibly wide wings prevented it from walking comfortably so, on the ground, it was probably compelled to crawl on its stomach but, in the air, with its light weight of only 12 kilos, it was amazingly agile.

Like the land dinosaurs, the winged reptiles, too, disappeared from our globe almost without warning, about 75 million years ago.

When the ancestors of the birds appeared Strange as it may seem, the first birds did not evolve

and its toothed jaw. Yet its body was covered with a fringe of feathers, which was something completely new.

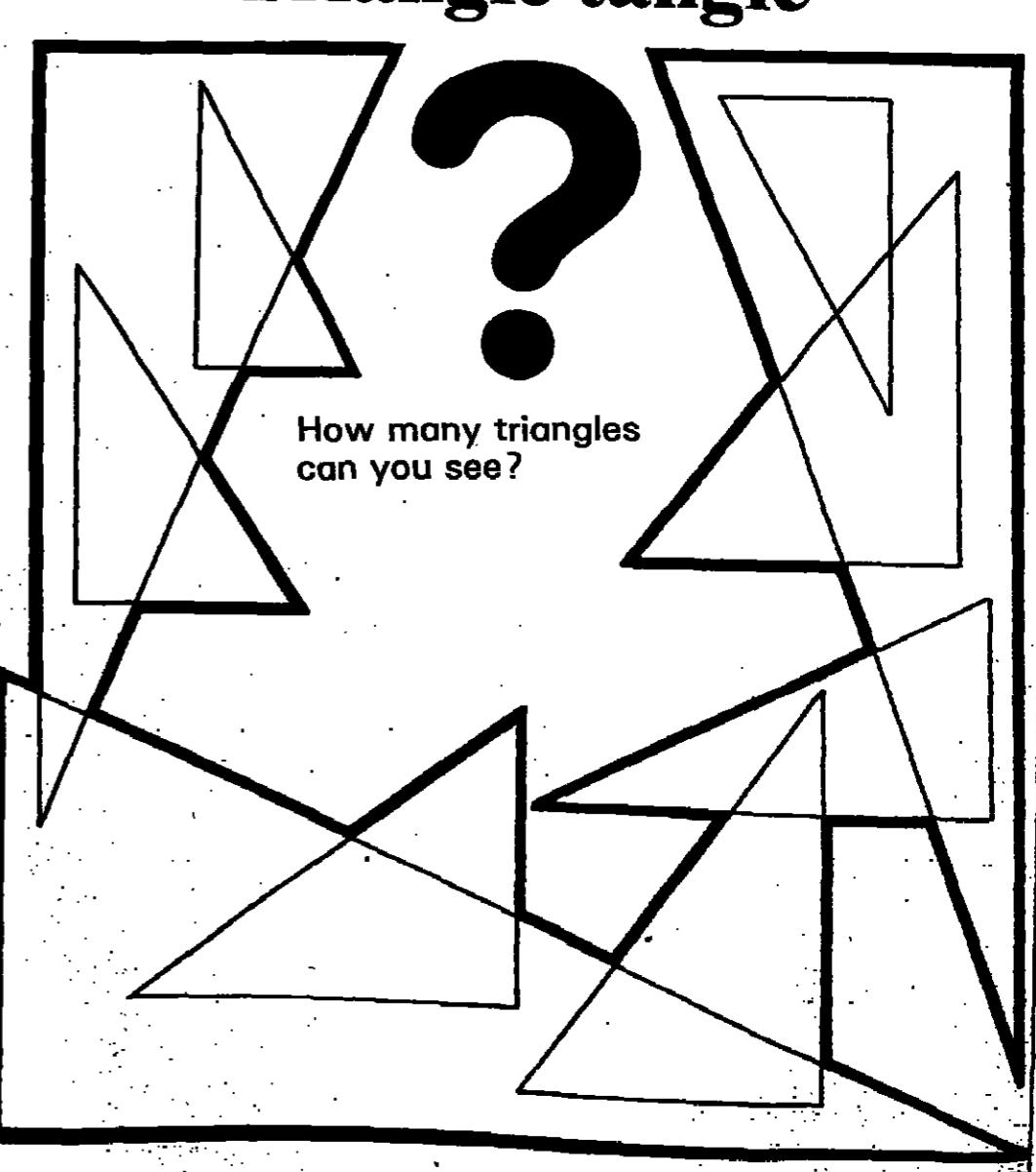
Its wings were no longer a sheet of skin but a fan of feathers which spread out and beat the air as it flew. It was still a very simple flying machine, in need of a great many improvements and, indeed, the Archaeopteryx was a poor flyer, but its appearance marked an important stage in the history of evolution.

The first bird was definitely not a predator because its jaws were too weak. Perhaps it only fed on fruit, berries and small larvae. To take off, it clambered up to the top of a tree and launched itself out into space.

After this first laborious performance, the birds multiplied rapidly. Their ability to fly improved and they became the only true lords of the sky.

There was a time, in the evolution of the animals, when the fiercest predators of the plains were not mammals but enormous birds with savage beaks. They could not fly but ran with great speed. All derived from the primitive Archaeopteryx, they soon increased in number, sometimes reaching gigantic proportions, and competed for the hunting field with the carnivorous mammals.

Triangle tangle



How many triangles can you see?

Solution on Page 10

BUSINESS & FINANCE

GCC to consider unified system for industry

MANAMA, June 29, (OPECNA): The General Secretariat of the six-member Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) is considering a unified system of regulations governing the setting up of industrial projects in member states.

In a statement to reporters here yesterday, Dr Mohammad Al Rashed, director of the department of industry, electricity, desalination and technology at the GCC secretariat said that the new regulations aimed at avoiding duplication of industrial ventures in member states.

He said steps were being taken to encourage joint ventures among GCC states, which include OPEC members Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE along with Bahrain and Oman.

Meanwhile, the GCC Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs, Dr Abdullah Al Quwaiji, has reiterated member states' resolve to push ahead with industrial development in the region.

Japan writes off more than \$2b Bangladesh debt

DHAKA, June 29, (Reuter): Japan has written off more than \$2 billion in loans to Bangladesh, officials said today.

"We have decided to consider the money as grants," a Japanese embassy official in Dhaka said. "This will mean a tremendous foreign exchange saving for us," said a Bangladeshi Finance Ministry official.

Waiting
Government officials, who said they were still waiting for official confirmation of the Japanese move from Tokyo, said Dhaka received more than \$2 billion in yen loans from Japan between 1978 and 1987.

Bangladesh expects to spend 23.85 per cent of its foreign exchange earnings in repaying foreign debt during the current financial year compared to 20 per cent in 1986/87.

It hopes to earn \$1.9 billion mainly through exports and

Companies told to boost production by 20pc

UAE threat to flout OPEC output quota

BAHRAIN, June 29, (Reuter): The UAE has carried out a threat to flout its OPEC quota, authorising companies to pump almost 20 per cent more oil in July, industry sources said today.

"This should bring (oil) prices down very quickly," said one trader. "It is yet another link in the chain of disarray which is creeping into OPEC."

The sources said the UAE Higher Council for Petroleum told companies in the main producing emirate of Abu Dhabi they could boost July output to 1.1 million barrels per day (BPD) from about 930,000 BPD.

Pumping
With Dubai pumping 350,000 to 400,000 BPD, total UAE production would rise to 1.5 million BPD — well above a quota of 948,000 BPD set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

The sources said the move showed the UAE was intent on rejecting its OPEC quota and

would put an additional 200,000 to 300,000 BPD on the already over-supplied world oil market.

Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba has repeatedly rejected the quota, claiming that with recoverable reserves of around 100 billion barrels the UAE is second to Saudi Arabia and deserves a much higher output.

The UAE completely rejects its OPEC quota of 948,000 BPD — the fair and official quota is 1.5 m BPD. Oteiba was quoted as saying in Morocco shortly after an OPEC conference in Vienna.

The UAE cabinet backed his demands on Monday, saying it reassured the emirates' firm policy on output and prices as stated by Oteiba.

OPEC members at their Vienna meeting that ended on June 14 agreed to extend the group's 15.06 million BPD quota for the rest of the year — a compromise between Gulf states urging higher quotas and the

majority, which wanted to curb output.

The Secretary-General of the UAE Higher Council for Petroleum, Soheil Al Mazru, told companies in the state-owned Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) to raise July output to 1.1 million BPD, the sources said.

"They were told of their increased allowances for July two or three days ago," one source said.

Some sources said independent companies operating outside ADNOC were also given approval to produce up to 100,000 BPD more, which would boost Abu Dhabi's total output to 1.2 million BPD.

The order was the first since the new Petroleum Council was formed early this month in a shake-up which oil sources said was designed to streamline UAE oil affairs and policy.

On June 5, UAE President Sheikh Zaid Bin Sultan Al

Nahayan abolished Abu Dhabi's Department of Petroleum, which was headed by Oteiba, and dissolved ADNOC's Board of Directors.

The sources said Abu Dhabi had paved the way for its higher July output by increasing production in June by nine per cent to 930,000 BPD for 850,000 in the second half of May.

They said the authorisation indicated Abu Dhabi had found buyers for its increased volumes of crude, most likely through offering bigger discounts to its main Japanese customers.

The sources said Abu Dhabi's current production pact as it stands is not included in OPEC's current production pact as it rejects a quota less than that of its Gulf war foe, Iran.

Meanwhile, the Abu Dhabi government has finalised feasibility studies for two major investment projects in foreign oil companies, pending final approval, according to a newspaper report.

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World Business Summary

South Korean surplus continues to rise

SEOUL, June 29, (AP): South Korea's current surplus reached \$392 million in May, up from \$336 million from May 1987, the Bank of Korea announced today. The aggregate of surpluses since January through May widened to \$4.78 billion, an increase of \$1.18 billion from the same five-month period last year, according to the Central Bank report. Despite labour strikes and the South Korean won's appreciation, officials at the Central Bank predicted the year-end surplus will top last year's \$9.7 billion and the government's target of \$7 billion. The current account measures one country's trade in merchandise and services with other countries. The government has said it will hold down its 1988 surplus within \$7 billion, partly to avoid friction with the United States and other countries which run trade deficits with this country. Bank officials said the trade balance in May showed a surplus of \$365 million, up from \$548 million a year ago and boosting the aggregate for the first five months to \$3.75 billion from \$2.6 billion in the same period last year. The invisible trade surplus in May was listed at \$108 million, down from \$181 million a year ago, and the January-May tally totalled \$309 million, down by \$264 million over the same period last year.

Brazilian city launches campaign to boost tourism

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 29, (Reuter): Rio yesterday announced an \$800,000 US advertising campaign aimed at cleaning up its image as Brazil's capital of crime and crime. Local tourism authorities said the campaign would seek to attract American tourists scared away by reports of violence and dirty beaches in Brazil's second largest city. "When people abroad read about Rio, they usually read about the disasters and tragedies. We're going to show them it isn't all bad," Joao Doria, president of Brazil's Tourism Board, Embratur, told a news conference. The six-month plan includes full-colour advertisements in leading US magazines and free trips to Rio for 3,500 US tour operators, journalists and their families. Doria said Embratur has hired a top New York agency to manage the campaign under the slogan: "Rio is wonderful". About 660,000 foreign tourists visited Rio last year, 5.8 per cent more than in 1986, making it Brazil's single biggest tourist attraction. But Doria said the first figures for this year show the number of visitors has stopped growing "and when you're not growing, you're losing."

Venezuelan and German firms form petrochemicals joint venture

CARACAS, June 29, (AP): The Venezuelan state firm Pequiven and Veba Oel A.G., a major German refiner, signed an accord to undertake feasibility studies leading to the construction of a joint-venture petrochemicals plant, according to a Pequiven statement. The accord forming Petropropylene de Venezuela SA was signed on Monday in Caracas. Pequiven and Veba each hold 49 per cent of the company's shares and remaining shares will be traded in the Venezuelan capital market.

The plant for making 250,000 metric tons per year of propylene and polypropylene will cost over \$275 million of which Pequiven and Veba will each pay in around \$54 million, Pequiven said.

About 60 per cent of the plant's cost will be covered with loans, which have not yet been acquired, it said. Seventy per cent of the plant's production is earmarked for export, it said.

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money sent home by Bangladeshis working abroad during fiscal 1987/88 against last year's \$1.7 billion.

Japan is Bangladesh's largest single benefactor with \$300 million in outright aid annually, according to Bangladesh government figures.

Japan announced a comprehensive programme of debt relief for 17 of the world's poorest countries, mainly in Africa and Asia, during the recent Toronto summit of seven leading industrial nations.

Gesture
But Japan's gesture still leaves Bangladesh, where average per capita income is \$160, with debts of \$6.36 billion.

Donor countries including Japan have pledged \$2.05 billion in aid for the 1988/89 financial year beginning tomorrow, 13.6 per cent more than the current year.

It hopes to earn \$1.9 billion mainly through exports and

World Bank undergoes close scrutiny

WASHINGTON, June 29, (Reuter): The World Bank is undergoing its most critical scrutiny in many years, creating a hiatus that could endanger US dominance of the development agency.

Legislation to increase funding for the bank is tied down in Congress, frustrating the Reagan administration which counts on the bank to spearhead Treasury Secretary James Baker's three-year-old Third World debt initiative.

Conservative American critics — always suspicious of world aid bodies — say the bank has wandered too far afield from its role of helping the world's poor.

Accuse
They accuse it of spreading socialism and helping countries opposed to US foreign policy goals.

The US share of the \$74.8 billion funding approved by the Bank is \$14 billion.

However, only three per cent of this total must be put up in cash. The US Congress has only to appropriate \$70.1 million a year for six years to cover the US share.

The US appropriation is critical to the bank even though the funding has already been approved by 75 per cent of the voting power of the organisation's 151 member countries and thus has actually gone into effect.

Faithful to get the US approval could jeopardise the Bank's ability to borrow money in the

ASEAN nations urged to tax oil wells

JAKARTA, June 29, (OPECNA): Oil wells in the ASEAN region should be taxed in accordance with their output capacity, the six-member organisation was urged here.

ASEAN, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, is made up of Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines and Brunei.

Participants at a seminar organised by ASEAN, the UN Development Programme and the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, said however that small wells, usually not as profitable as larger ones, should be taxed in a manner that should encourage investors to put their money into exploration.

Indonesian Director General for Taxes Salamun said at the end of the meeting that the recommendation would still have to be studied by the ASEAN governments.

the World Bank, annually sending hundreds of millions of dollars in scarce resources to governments that abuse human rights, export terrorism, and pursue accelerated production of commodities already in world over-supply," the foundation has argued.

The Cato Institute, another conservative research group, goes even further, observing that "although the bank started with the highest ideals some 40 years ago, it now consistently does more harm than good for the world's poorest."

It says "the Bank exists largely to maximise the transfer of resources to Third World governments (and) by doing so...has promoted nationalisation of Third World economies and has increased political and bureaucratic control over the lives of the poorest of the poor."

Criticism
Such criticism has been troubling to an administration that has prided itself on taking a hard line on Bank loans going to countries that oppose US foreign policy goals and that has taken steps to reform Bank loan policies.

The Baker debt initiative is a case in point.

In it, Baker proposed that commercial banks increase lending by some \$20 billion and that the multilateral development banks, led by the World Bank, put up an additional \$9 billion.

In return, debtor countries would move to reform their economies, reducing or eliminating subsidies, turning public enterprises into private companies and other market-oriented measures.

The World Bank, because of its understanding on how Third World economies are structured, was singled out for a special role in leading the attack on the debt crisis by the Baker.

He said the Bank should increase the lending it had been doing for economic reform which, to a large degree, had the effect of channelling more money into debt relief.

Amount
So-called structural adjustment and sectoral loans currently amount to 25 per cent of total Bank lending with much more than that going to some countries.

Critics of the direction argue that by reducing project lending, the Bank is moving away from its basic role of building roads, schools, dams, sewerage systems and other basic structures.

On the other hand, some critics argue that the Bank has dragged its feet in coming to grips with the debt crisis, showing little if any innovation on how the profound problems might be dealt with.

It is expected that eventually the Congress, after listening to the myriad arguments, will approve the appropriation but few think the debate will stop there.

Enjoined
An official statement earlier said Sudan had decided to suspend the talks and arrange for further discussions later. It said the talks had helped narrow differences.

The statement said the IMF delegates were less flexible and enjoyed less authority than their Sudanese counterparts. "We are eager to reach a comprehensive agreement with the Fund and the rest of the international community... we hope that other parties will be more familiar with the economic and social condi-

tions of Sudan."

Sudan has a foreign debt of nearly \$12 billion which it has not been able fully to service since the early 1980s.

Minister of State for Finance, Al Tigani Al Tayeb Ibrahim, told Reuters on Sunday that Sudan and IMF officials were now due to meet in Washington next month and more talks were expected in Khartoum in September.

Sudanese and IMF officials failed to reach agreement after two weeks of talks which ended last week in Khartoum. Devaluation was the main sticking point.

Pledged
An agreement would have paved the way for a second meeting of a group representing major Western donors which pledged \$227.6 million in balance of payments support last December.

Sudan hopes a second meeting, probably in September or October will promise another \$1

million half to be disbursed during the 1988/89 fiscal year beginning on July 1. The four-year economic recovery plan is due to start that year.

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Ibrahim said the IMF, which in 1986 declared Sudan ineligible for fresh credits, wanted a further devaluation but Sudanese officials thought the matter needed further study.

Raised
Sudan, more than \$700 million in arrears to the IMF, devalued its currency by 44 per cent last October and raised petrol and sugar prices. The measures, part of an agreement with the IMF, sparked street protests which left at least six people dead and scores injured.

But the bankers and diplomats said the government had little choice but to devalue the pound eventually.

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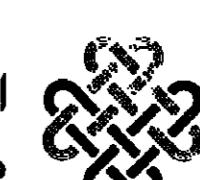
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International Bond Highlights

LONDON — Nippon Steel Corp is issuing a 800 mln drl equity warrant Eurobond due July 21, 1992 paying an indicated 3-1/2 pct and priced at par, Nomura International Ltd said as lead manager. (RTYR 0931)

London — Lloyds Plc said it has launched a 100 mln stg subordinated variable rate note programme with rates to be reset each quarter at a spread over libor. (RTXT 0809)

London — Japan's NHK Spring Co Ltd is issuing a 100 mln drl Eurobond with equity warrants due 15 July, 1993, carrying an indicated coupon of 4-1/4 pct and priced at par, said Nomura Securities International Ltd as lead manager. (RTYF 0943)

London — Scotia Mortgage Corp is issuing a 100 mln Canadian drl Eurobond due July 28, 1993 paying 10-3/8 pct and priced at 101-1/2 cpt, lead manager Scotia McLeod Inc said. (RTUE 1512)

Zurich — Japan's Odekyu Electric Railway Co Ltd is issuing 50 mln Swiss francs in convertible notes with an indicated 3/4 pct coupon and par pricing, lead manager Swiss Bank Corp said. (RTYF 0822)

Barcelona — Torras Hosten SA a paper group in which the Kuwait Investment Office has a dominant stake, is to issue up to 50 billion pesetas in new bond and carry out a share split over the next three years, a company official said. (RTTZ 1439)

Interbank Rates

CALL		ONE MONTH		THREE MONTHS	
LDN 8-1/2 3/8		9-7/16 5/16		9-7/8 13/16	
FFT 4.50/60		4.20/30		4.65/55	
PAR 7-3/16 5/16		7-1/8 1/4		7-5/16 7/16	
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8		2-7/8 3-1/8		3-3 1/4	
BRO 4.20		5-15/16 1/16		6-1/8 1/4	
ROM 10-10/12		10-3/4 11-1/4		10-7/8 11-3/8	
ANS 2-0/0 3-0/0		3-11/16 3-13/16		4-5/16 4-7/16	
TOK 3.7500 8125		3.9575 4.0000		4.0000 0625	
ECU 5.62 5.87		6.18 6.31		6.56 6.68	

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-7/16	6-3/4
3 months	6-7/16	6-3/4
6 months	6-3/8	6-3/4
1 year	6-3/8	6-3/4

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	60.50	60	62	HICO	560	570	560
ACC 230.50	231	236	GRASIN	97.50	98	103.50	MOCIL	84	85	84.50
ASIA PAINT 153.75	150	152.50	GSPC	121	120	124	OKRAY	34	34	34.50
BAJAJ AUTO 237.50	237.50	240	HIND LEVER	65.50	64	65.50	PEICO	30.50	30	31
BAR. RAYON 245	245	245	HINDALCO	84	84.50	85.50	PFIZER	65.75	65	71
BR. DYEING 139	140	138.50	HINDCOCA	82.50	79	81	P.R. AUTO	34	34	35.50
BSE INDEX 575.43	574.40	574.50	IND ORE	24.15	24.25	24	RAYMOND	49	47	49
CENTURYSPI 827.50	825	847.50	HINDRAYON	67.50	66.50	68.50	SIEMENS	67	64	66
COLGATE 210	207.50	208.75	HIDROL	176.25	172.50	175	SPIC	48	47	47.50
DEEPAKFERT 35	34	35	ITC	40	39	40	STDMILLS	220	212.50	220
ET. HOTEL 49	48	49	JSYNTH	63	62.50	63.50	TATA PWR	230	230	226.25
ESSKAY 150	147.50	147.50	L A M T	90	91.50	93.50	TATACHEM	67.50	67	70
ESSAR 20	19.25	20.50	MAHINDRA	57.50	56	57	TELECO	645	645	650
GAR. POLY 78.50	78	83.50	MASTERSH	11	10.75	11	TISCO	830	830	841.25
GE.SHIP 28.25	28.25	28	WATER PL	57.50	56.25	54	VOLTA	292.50	287.50	292.50

THAILAND BIDS

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AEG 200.2	200.4	AAJINOMOTO 3180	3170	AAK ELEC 719	689	AAKU H 1050	1040	AAKU M 905	895
ALLIANT VR 1417.0	1412.0	AKAI ELEC 1050	1040	AKOKI 1050	1040	AKOKI 927	925	AKOKI 927	925
BADEMERK 182.0	182.2	ASAH GAS 2040	2000	ASAH GAS 777	768	ASAH GAS 1240	1190	ASAH GAS 1240	1190
BAASF 250.0	247.5	BANK TOKYO 1560	1580	BANK TOKYO 1560	1580	BANK TOKYO 1400	1340	BANK TOKYO 1400	1340
BAUER HYP 335.0	329.5	BRIDGESTON 1530	1290	BRIDGESTON 1530	1290	BRIDGESTON 1170	1120	BRIDGESTON 1170	1120
BAYER VER 332.0	330.0	CANON 1250	1170	CANON 1250	1170	CANON 1000	980	CANON 1000	980
BHF 401.0	397.0	CASIO COMP 1290	1210	CASIO COMP 1290	1210	CASIO COMP 1100	1050	CASIO COMP 1100	1050
BRH 513.0	505.5	CHUGAI MFG 1530	1530	CHUGAI MFG 911	900	CHUGAI MFG 1100	1120	CHUGAI MFG 1100	1120
COMMERZBK 225.5	222.2	CITIZEN W 1530	1510	CITIZEN W 1530	1510	CITIZEN W 1210	1220	CITIZEN W 1210	1220
CONTI GUINN 248.1	244.3	D-ICHI KAN 1530	1510						
DAIMER BEN 638.0	633.0	DAI NIP IK 791	800						
DEUTSC BMK 435.0	432.5	DAI NIP PT 2480	2460	DAI NIP PT 1130	1090	DAI NIP PT 1130	1090	DAI NIP PT 1130	1090
DLW 376.0	377.0	DAI NIP TO 672	680						
DRESDNER B 249.0	246.5	DAICEL 863	865						
DY. COBEC 172.5	168.8	DARMA H 1860	1850						
FAZ INDEX 472.78	469.68	DAIWA SEC 2290	2300	DAIWA SEC 2290	2300	DAIWA SEC 2300	2300	DAIWA SEC 2300	2300
FELDRIEHD 282.0	280.0	DAERA MFG 990	980						
GOLDSCHMID 322.5	314.0	DAIKIN 2000	1980	DAIKIN 2000	1980	DAIKIN 1970	1960	DAIKIN 1970	1960
HARPEMER 434.0	433.0	DAIKIN 1970	1960						
HOECHST AG 264.0	262.2	DAIKIN 1970	1960						
HOESCH 140.5	139.5	DAIKIN 1970	1960						
HORTEN 186.0	186.0	DAIKIN 1970	1960						
HUSSEL HLD 430.0	431.0	DAIKIN 1970	1960						
KALI SALZ 163.8	154.0	DAIKIN 1970	1960						
KARSTADT 421.0	428.0	DAIKIN 1970	1960						
KAUFSTADT 363.5	370.2	DAIKIN 1970	1960						
KLOECK H 127.9	120.0	DAIKIN 1970	1960						
KLOECK W 0	101.00	DAIKIN 1970	1960						
LINDE 685.0	683.5	DAIKIN 1970	1960						
LUFTWAFFA 150.5	148.5	DAIKIN 1970	1960	DAIKIN 1970	1960	DAIKIN			

Gold prices decline sharply

US dollar surges despite intervention fears

LONDON, June 29. (Agencies): The US dollar was higher in European trading today despite expectations of intervention by European central banks to keep its rise under control.

Gold prices, which began falling sharply in New York yesterday, continued dropping in quiet European trading, hitting their lowest levels in Europe since March.

Dealers said gold was coming under pressure from the stronger dollar and receding fears of inflation.

Support

The dollar was getting support from Japanese remarks that appeared to indicate a desire for a higher dollar, but the currency was off its early highs amid worries of central bank intervention, foreign exchange dealers said.

Traders in Frankfurt said the market was still reacting to Japanese Finance Minister Kichi Miyazawa, who said the Bank of Japan "isn't thinking" of intervening to stem the dollar's recent rally.

"The market is being driven by the dollar's rate, and as long as this seems headed upward, then the dollar will continue to be firm," said a trader in Frankfurt.

However, fears that central banks would intervene as they did yesterday were putting a psychological barrier on the dollar's climb, dealers said.

"Trading is nervous but light, as everybody is waiting for possible interventions by European central banks and a likely half-point rise of the discount rate in West Germany," said one trader with a major Italian commercial bank.

"In the absence of any intervention later in the day the dollar is set to rise again," he added.

Broke

In Tokyo, where the business day ends before Europe's begins, the iollar broke the 133-yen level for the first time in nearly seven months before falling back to close at 132.40 yen, up 1.45 yen from yesterday. Later, in London, it topped 133 yen again and was quoted at 133.22 yen.

Other dollar rates at midmorning, compared with late yesterday's rates:

- 1,823.5 West German marks, up from 1,807.0
- 1,508.0 Swiss francs, up from 1,496.0
- 6,141.5 French francs, up from 6,088.5
- 2,051.5 Dutch guilders, up from 2,021.0
- 1,349.00 Italian lire, up from 1,337.00
- 1,216.5 Canadian dollars, up from 1,210.5

In London, the dollar rose against British pound. It cost \$1.7105 to buy one pound, compared with \$1.7200 late yesterday. In London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip British shares opened 3.8 points higher at 1,860.7. In Tokyo, the world's biggest stock market, the 225-share Nikkei

Gold prices fell in reaction to an overall mood that inflation fears had been exaggerated and expectations that the dollar's rise will continue pushing gold lower, dealers said.

Gold fixed in London at a bid price of \$433.30 a troy ounce, down from late yesterday's \$443.20. At midmorning today, the city's five major bullion dealers fixed a lower recommended price of \$434.90.

In Zurich, the bid price was \$433.50, down from \$443.20 late yesterday.

Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold fell \$6.26 to close at a bid \$440.04.

Silver was quoted in London today at a bid price of \$6.71 a troy ounce, down from yesterday's \$6.92.

Feared

Traders had feared that a drought in the North American grain belt would force food prices up and so rekindle inflation. But with rain in some of the US Midwest yesterday and forecasts of more showers there, many are now broken, "a Zurich bullion dealer said. Inflation rates last month pushed gold up to nearly \$460 an ounce.

Stock markets were firm. London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip British shares opened 3.8 points higher at 1,860.7. In Tokyo, the world's biggest stock market, the 225-share Nikkei

average rose 209.24 points to 27,607.33.

Inflation fears had been weighing heavily on stock markets, although at last week's Toronto summit the Group of Seven leading industrial nations pledged to keep a lid on prices.

Unmost

"I believe each nation is making its utmost efforts to stabilize prices," Bank of Japan Governor Satoshi Sumita told a Tokyo news conference.

Sumita said the narrowing US trade deficit and buoyant American economy are boosting the dollar but added that he does not expect its uninterrupted rise to continue.

"Inflationary fears in the US seem to have been subsided somewhat, which will prevent US interest rates from rising," said a fund manager at a major Japanese bank. "This may help curb the dollar from being pushed higher."

Keenly

But others expect a buoyant but non-inflationary US economy to attract foreign funds into American stocks and bonds.

"I would say that there is only one way for the dollar at the moment — it's up," said Yukio Takahashi, vice-president of Chemical Bank in Tokyo.

"The number of dollar buyers — in particular importers and institutional investors, is defin-

itely larger than sellers for the moment and these people are keenly waiting for a chance to buy the dollar at lower levels," he added.

Seven European central banks intervened to slow the dollar's rise yesterday, fearing a strong dollar will boost import prices and raise inflation in their countries.

But dealers say they are unsure the central banks can stop the dollar rally, especially since neither the US Federal Reserve nor the Bank of Japan joined the European intervention.

The central banks worried that a strong dollar would boost import prices and so risk boosting inflation. That worry had been especially strong in West Germany and Japan.

Bargains

But with Tokyo's Nikkei

average down 1,000 points since

June 20, many investors decided there are now bargains to be had.

"We've come this far with good business results," said Yusuke Fujiwara, head of trading at brokers Baring Securities in Tokyo. "While there is still concern over the cap for the dollar, the market has decided to get on with it," he said.

West German shares were up.

Paris shares rose 0.32 per cent,

the All-Share Swiss index rose

four points to 668.4 and Sydney's All-Ordinaries index rose 16

points to 1,560.6.

Business booms for Islamic banks

LONDON, June 29. (Reuter): Charging interest is the way bankers around the world make their money — except, that is, for the booming business of Islamic banking.

The Quran bans interest. And it bans lending money if the loan is not for a productive purpose.

But Islamic bankers have pioneered a way of lending money without charging interest. Borrowers pay a fee instead.

And since the first Islamic bank opened in the Nile delta, 25 years ago, the system has spread to more than 70 banks controlling \$25 to 30 billion.

Switched

There are Islamic banks throughout the Middle East and Asia, in Europe and even in New Zealand.

Iran and Pakistan say their whole economies have been swit-

ched to Islamic principles.

The key is that charging a fee for providing a productive loan addresses Islam's concern about the moral consequences of usury or lending one time.

"Money is not an end in itself, it is a means to an end," explains Saudi Prince Mohammed Al Faisal, chairman of Dr Al Maal Al Islami, the biggest Islamic banking group.

But Faisal and other top Islamic bankers meeting in London in June found the system was still loosely defined and that it faces a number of practical problems.

One is that Islamic banks have so far failed to move from short-term financing of trade to longer-term lending for developing nations.

Another key problem is inflexibility — there are few Islamic bonds or bank deposits through which lenders can store their

funds.

Largely unregulated deposit-takers challenge the Islamic system in Egypt and have done in Pakistan.

And there is still much controversy over defining Islamic financial transactions and over how the Islamic system should relate to the rest of the world.

Biggest

"You can talk to 10 scholars and get 10 interpretations," said Mohammed El Hennawi, chief economist at the Saudi-based Islamic Development Bank (IDB), owned by 44 Islamic countries and the biggest transnational Islamic bank.

Hennawi said a board of 140 Islamic jurists this year agreed a three-page Islamic banking code after years of debate. But even the smallest query will have to be settled in plenary session.

Western sceptics say Islamic banks charge interest by another name.

Islamic bankers say cost may be similar but argue that their system, with its emphasis on how

money is used instead of on the money itself, is different and offers an alternative system for the world's 800 million Muslims.

Goal

"It must be remembered that the Western system has had hundreds of years to develop ... our goal and philosophy are long term," Faisal said.

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Rubber boom brings back investors to Malaysian market

KUALA LUMPUR, June 29. (Reuter): Foreign investors who abandoned Malaysia's share market in droves after the crash of '87 are being lured back by soaring world commodity prices.

"Every time there is a rubber boom, there is a market boom," P.H.S. Lim, president of the Malaysian Investors' Association said in an interview.

He recalled the last real boom in Malaysia, the world's largest producer of natural rubber, palm oil and tin, came in 1979-80 when rubber prices were also high.

Demand

Rubber prices, benefiting from strong demand from tire makers and AIDS-related demand for surgical gloves and condoms, are at their highest level for eight years.

Palm oil prices, reacting to surging soyabean prices due to drought in the US Midwest, are

firm, while tin prices, supported by supply controls by major exporters, are rising.

Lee Sian Chin, managing director of Aras-Malaysian Securities, said substantial foreign buying of Malaysian stocks, particularly by British investors, began in April after the Central Bank released an optimistic annual report.

Brokers estimate that at least 1.5 billion ringgit (\$600 million) has poured into the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange (KLSE) since then.

Mohamed Hatta Yahaya, senior investment manager of Amanah Merchant Bank, said the Malaysian Stock Market was attracting attention of investors in America, Japan, Taiwan, and Singapore.

"Singapore brokers are promoting Malaysian stocks overseas instead of their shares," said Yahaya.

During the first five months of this year, the KLSE industrial index rose 34 per cent, while Singapore's Straits Times industrial index increased only 22 per cent.

A pronounced rally in May, led by rubber stocks, lifted the Kuala Lumpur market above the traditionally stronger Singapore market for the first time, analysts said.

British-based stockbroker James Capel said in a recent review of Asian markets that the Malaysian Stock Market was likely to outperform other regional markets in 1988, while average corporate earnings would grow by almost a third.

The boom was reflected in Malaysia's trade surplus for the first quarter of 1988, which jumped 21 per cent to 1.58 billion ringgit (\$630 million) against first-quarter 1987.

The Central Bank forecast that Malaysia's real Gross Domestic Product, a measurement of economic activity, would rise over five per cent this year, against 4.7 per cent in 1987 and 4.2 per cent in 1986.

Rally

Analysts expect Malaysia's Stock Market rally to last until the end of the year, and Lim said he was looking for a sharp rise in the KLSE index. However, other analysts were cautious, saying memories of last October's crash would limit the rise.

Some investors also worry about the aftershocks of a row last year between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad and his political rivals in the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO Baru), then the country's leading Malay party.

Mahathir broke away to form a new party after UMNO Baru was outlawed for alleged malpractices at Congress in 1987 which re-elected him as leader.

Spain and Morocco sign \$1b economic aid accord

MADRID, June 29. (AP): A move indicative of closer relations, Spain and Morocco signed today a five-year, \$1-billion economic agreement in which Spain is to invest in public work projects and provide low-interest development loans to the North African country.

Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordóñez and his Moroccan counterpart Abdalatif Filali signed the agreement at midday, shortly after the Moroccans began a two-day visit to meet with his colleagues and Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez as well as King Juan Carlos.

Loans

The new bilateral economic accord calls for Spain to provide \$410 million in loans to help Morocco finance purchases of capital goods and services.

The rest of the \$1-billion package is to go toward financing development projects of mutual interest.

Spain is to loan \$656 million of the total under special low-interest conditions, the Spanish minister said.

Fernandez Ordóñez called the new agreement "a new framework for relations in which Spain

wants to express its interest in Morocco's development."

He emphasised that Spain's economic relations with Morocco "are on a new path" and will be separate from compensation in the past tied to a fishing agreement permitting Spanish fishermen to work in Moroccan waters.

Filali told reporters current bilateral relations were "very good and sincere."

Iran and France in trade talks

PARIS, June 29. (OPECNA): A 12-member delegation headed by Iranian Deputy Commerce Minister Abdolhossein Vahabi arrived here yesterday for talks aimed at strengthening trade ties between two countries.

Vahabi is accompanied by Commerce Ministry officials and representatives of the oil ministry and the Iranian central bank.

The Iranian news agency IRNA quotes "observers" as saying that the resumption of political ties between the two countries earlier this month will lead to an expansion of trade exchanges.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 29/6/88

B.N.O. Ships Name Agent Tel No.

14 Gari S. Poplawski A. Seas 2421303

15 City of Beirut GH & Q 4747815

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT

ETA Ships Name Agent Tel No.

29/6 Malakand Al Majid 2421439

29/6 Kashima ISA 2441860

30/6 Lanka Seedevi GH & Q 4747815

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B.N.O. Ships Name Agent Tel No.

2/7 Lelaps RSMS 2423642

3/7 Tug Salvanita S. Shaheen 2423692

3/7 Barge Delmar-2 S. Shaheen 2423692

6/7 Sunset RSMS 2423642

12/7 Dimitroula Barber 4842988

13/7 Vito RSMS 2423642

13/7 Batik M

The first part of this story appeared in the Arab Times yesterday.

In March 1988, while coins from the hoard were on their way to auction, Jonathan Kagan was in Turkey advising the deputy prime minister and the undersecretary of the treasury how to invest wisely. At the time, they did not know of the involvement of a Lazard Frères executive with the hoard.

Jeffrey Spier has his own problems. He intends to make a career in archaeology, he says, and the hoard is his piece de resistance. Any archaeologist working in the classical period knows that Turkey perhaps even more than Greece and Italy, is the place to go for new finds and digs.

Being barred from Turkey or ostracized from academe — possible consequences of his having traded in smuggled material — would deal a blow to Jeffrey Spier's high aspirations.

Both Spier and Kagan eventually agreed to talk to the authors of this story. Both were distressed by the turn of events but asserted that they had not done anything illegal. Whether they are right, the courts may decide. But who decides on breaches of ethics?

Anguish

William Koch, if worse comes to worst, stands to lose a few million, which is unlikely to cause him anguish. He has resolutely kept a low profile, refusing to respond to even simple questions.

Take a matter pertaining to the activities of his non-profit foundation. One year after the symposium at Oxford in 1986, a publication on the event, from British Archaeological Reports, appeared, containing the papers given at the original event and a preface by Ian Carradice, curator of coins and medals at the British Museum.

In it, Carradice expressed gratitude and stated that "the coins were provided by a foundation in Boston." Was it William Koch's non-profit foundation? That made sense, but Koch and the foundation's personnel would not elucidate. Nor did careful reading of the foundation's public reports to date provide the answer.

Where were the coins? The Oxbow Corporation's spokesman, John Klarfeld, should have known: Oxbow put up most of the purchase price of \$3.5 million, but in various conversations, Klarfeld either professed ignorance of the coins or was evasive.

Koch's desire for privacy has not spared him from a battle within numismatic circles. OKS's entry into the wonderful world of coins has upset the big players who have so far controlled the action, most notably the tanned, Buddha-like Bruce McNall, of Numismatic Fine Arts, in Beverly Hills.

Eighteen years ago, McNall took a job at the company, which he acquired in 1977, renaming it Numismatic Fine Arts. In 1974, he was involved in buying and selling the last prehoard decadrachm, which eventually went to Nelson Bun-

ker Hurn, whom he also advised on the acquisition of antiquities.

These days, at age thirty-seven, he owns a Thoroughbred syndicate, the Los Angeles Kings hockey team, and the Gladden Entertainment production company (of War Games fame), among other enterprises.

McNall's notable contribution to the numismatic industry has been to bring more powerful investors — people who buy coins for huge sums in order to sell for even larger sums — into the market.

These investors have helped to support prices at the high end of the market. Meantime, the economy has changed to favour-NFA: investment advisers are now steering clients toward coins as a good hedge against inflation.

McNall knows the biggest private investors, runs the biggest auction house, and established the first fund that trades in coins, the Athena Fund. He and Silvia Hurter of Zurich's Bank Leu dominate the numismatic market. It is easy to see how an incursion the size of William Koch's, with so many important coins, has a potential to unsettle the status quo.

So long as Koch, Kagan, and Spier went through the normal channels, consulting experts and talking to dealers, the industry was happy. Then, inexplicably, the museums' hopes for donations came to nothing (much to their annoyance), offers to dealers were withdrawn, and Koch's coins began to emerge piecemeal on the market. McNall could not have been pleased.

One deca was sold in Chicago through the dealer

Harian J. Berk for a reported \$250,000. Another was sold through the Swiss auctioneers Tkalec and Rauch to Silvia Hurter for \$295,000.

Anton Tkalec, who also advised a European coin-investment company called Damastum, bought some sixty coins, including three decas from Koch, for "considerably over a million dollars," he says. He sold two of the decas and some fifty others to McNall's NFA. And then, on March 10, 1988, Tkalec attended the auction in Los Angeles.

Auction

At that auction, the Turkish government merely applied a little discreet pressure through its lawyers, Botwin Hays & Sklar. Customs agents did not raid the auction site; there were no injunctions. The auctions itself passed apparently without incident, except for one thing.

By the end of the day, the ten coins from the hoard were back in the possession of Numismatic Fine Arts. Within a month, they were in the custody of Turkish authorities in the United States.

At the auction, Tkalec bought back some of the coins he had just sold to NFA in order to simplify their return to the Turks. These purchases did

What the hoard could buy

In antiquity, one silver talent equalled 6,000 drachms, which could buy you as many as 150 slaves, or 1,300 oxen, or 2,000 pairs of sandals, or ten metric tons of wheat — the equivalent of one year's food expenses for perhaps twelve families of five people each.

The Turks who found the silver coins in 1984 sold two of the least valuable, Lycian staters, to a goldsmith in Antalya for \$175 each. Had they attempted to sell them to the city's museum, a special committee would have convened to offer the highest amount legally permitted for each coin: \$50. The value of a Lycian stater on the world market is \$1,000.

The goldsmith's price of \$175 was the equivalent in 1984 of the museum director's monthly salary or that of the police chief who uncovered the incident of the hoard. A Turkish customs official of the time made \$125 a month.

The decadrachm that Ibrahim's mother and sister got as a gift from the excavators was eventually sold for \$600,000 in the United States. Had it been offered to the Antalya museum in 1984, the highest sum at the committee's disposal for any antiquities would have been \$6,000. The committee might have prevailed upon the Directorate of Museums and Antiquities, in Ankara, to buy the coin. The directorate would then have had to appeal to the minister of finance for funds. If all permissions had been granted, the \$600,000 would have amounted to the directorate's entire annual acquisitions budget. Not a penny more could have been spent by any Turkish museum to purchase antiquities that year.

Let us now assume that the Turkish government wanted to buy the decadrachm hoard at its market value of \$10 million. That would take an official request to the National Budget Committee to find the money somewhere. Where? Hm. \$10 million — only two-thirds the total annual budget of the Antiquities' parent body, the Ministry of Culture.

-O.A. and M.K.

not go unnoticed by other dealers. Many were involved in the ruse; others had been told of,

it openly. Significantly, NFA did not concede the matter of ownership. McNall simply gave over the ten coins that the Turks knew about.

The other coins in his hands from the hoard he quietly returned to Tkalec in exchange for all of the money NFA had paid him.

The manoeuvre appalled OKS. What could be the explanation for NFA's concession without putting up the least legal resistance? Maybe McNall merely wanted to avoid a battle in court.

Then again, speculates a source within the Koch camp, McNall could also have been out to teach the amateurs a painful lesson. That would help to explain why NFA had advertised the coins brazenly in its catalogue as being from "South Anatolia, Decadrachm Hoard, 1984"; most coins are listed without such specific attribution in coin-sale catalogues.

Whatever the rationale, the NFA gesture now had the obvious effect of pitting the Turks against Koch, with round one going to the Turks.

The precedent made it difficult to sell coins from the hoard openly, if at all. Emphasizing the problems, Tkalec's lawyers contacted

Both Rosen, who is also a partner in Athena Fund I, and McNall deny the sale to the

Koch's, asking either for the Swiss dealer's money back in return for the coins or for Koch's documents of ownership.

If Koch's title of ownership is in order, Tkalec says, he will ask Turkey to prove its case. If it can, Tkalec knows his reaction: "The Turks must keep the coins." In that event, Tkalec will demand his money back from Koch, and Koch, in turn, may try to collect his \$3.5 million from the smugglers. After all, they had not told him of provenance problems.

The McNall camp may not be without its vulnerabilities. McNall and NFA are the managing partners for Athena Fund I and for its successor, Athena Fund II, now being formed. A fund with general and limited partners. Athena trades in coins, under the auspices of Merrill Lynch, buying and selling dear. The profits go back to the partners who paid \$7 million to get Athena I off the ground and will put up to \$40 million into Athena II.

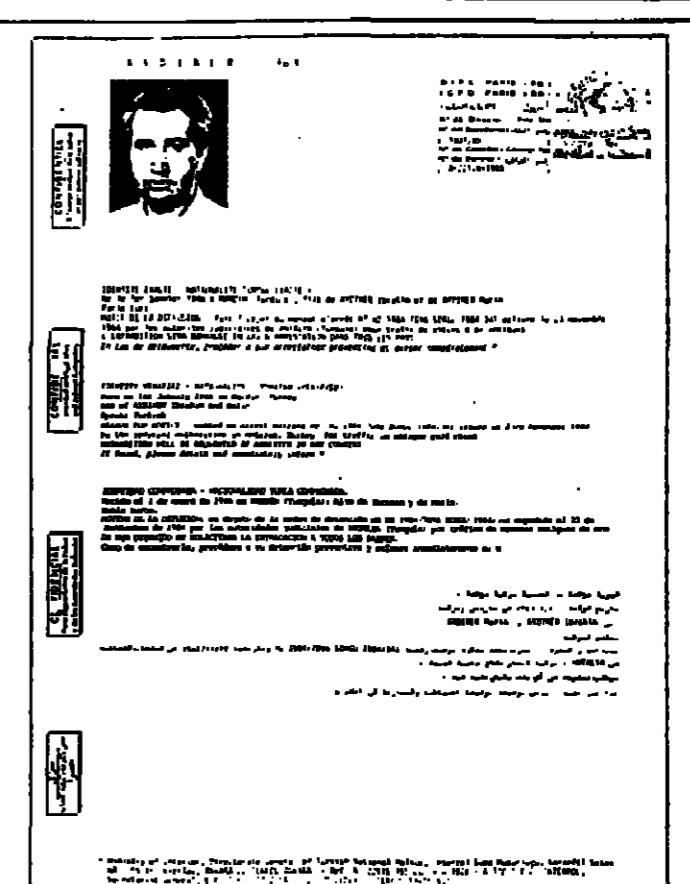
NFA's problem arises from a clause in the charter of Athena I that was written to prevent NFA, acting as both consultant and vendor to the fund, from simply advising the acquisition of their own coins, perhaps for a good deal more than they cost. Specifically, the clause allows NFA to sell its own coins to Athena I only at cost plus direct expenses.

Fate

Here, we must trace the fate of the one decadrachm that was not part of Koch's hoard. Back in Elmali, Ibrahim's sister and mother sold the coins they had been given by Hasan Sarbag, the ex-mayor of Elmali, and his friend Abdugani Huzneci.

This minutiare was intercepted by Silvia Hurter, who skinned off all but the deca. (That is how she acquired the sole coin in the hoard from the state of Delos, which is also very rare, though less valuable than the deca). Jonathan Rosen, a well-known coin collector in New York and a partner in Atlantis Antiquities Ltd., bought the deca for \$225,000, according to him, and sold it to NFA for \$275,000. Numismatics insiders say that McNall then sold it for a substantial profit into the Athena Fund I, which proudly reproduced it in its prospectus. (Most recently, it was sold out of the fund for \$600,000, via a dealer.)

At present time, the status of the "greatest hoard of history" was



Fuat Aydiner was the first to purchase the hoard

fund at a profit, pointing out that such a transaction would be against fund rules. They admit that the fund bought a deca for \$374,000 but deny that it is Rosen's.

Their contention seems to be at odds with the available evidence. The numismatics publication Coin World, in its issue of November 25, 1987, carries a story on the \$600,000 deca sold from the Athena fund and prints its picture.

If that is the right coin, it has been identified by a number of experts, including the president of NFA, as part of the hoard.

Yet it is definitely not one of Koch's thirteen. Unless there were a hitherto unknown fifteenth decadrachm in the hoard, the pictured coin appears to be Rosen's. If so, its sale to the fund at a profit implies a violation of Athena I's charter.

At present time, the status of the "greatest hoard of history" was

still undetermined, but it will not remain so for long. Upon its publication, Turkish sources say, the article you are reading will have been handed to the President of Turkey, Kenan Evren, as he arrives on a state visit to the United States.

His response will determine whether Turkey, which is already suing the Metropolitan Museum to get back the so-called Lydian Hoard, launches separate legal action in this affair.

The numismatics powers might well hope that the Turkish state gets the hoard back: the coins have already caused them nothing but trouble. Even the embattled Koch camp might welcome a chance to strike a deal with the Turks, thus bowing gracefully out of what now seems a mess. For everyone concerned except the smugglers, one hoard like this seems plenty enough for the century.

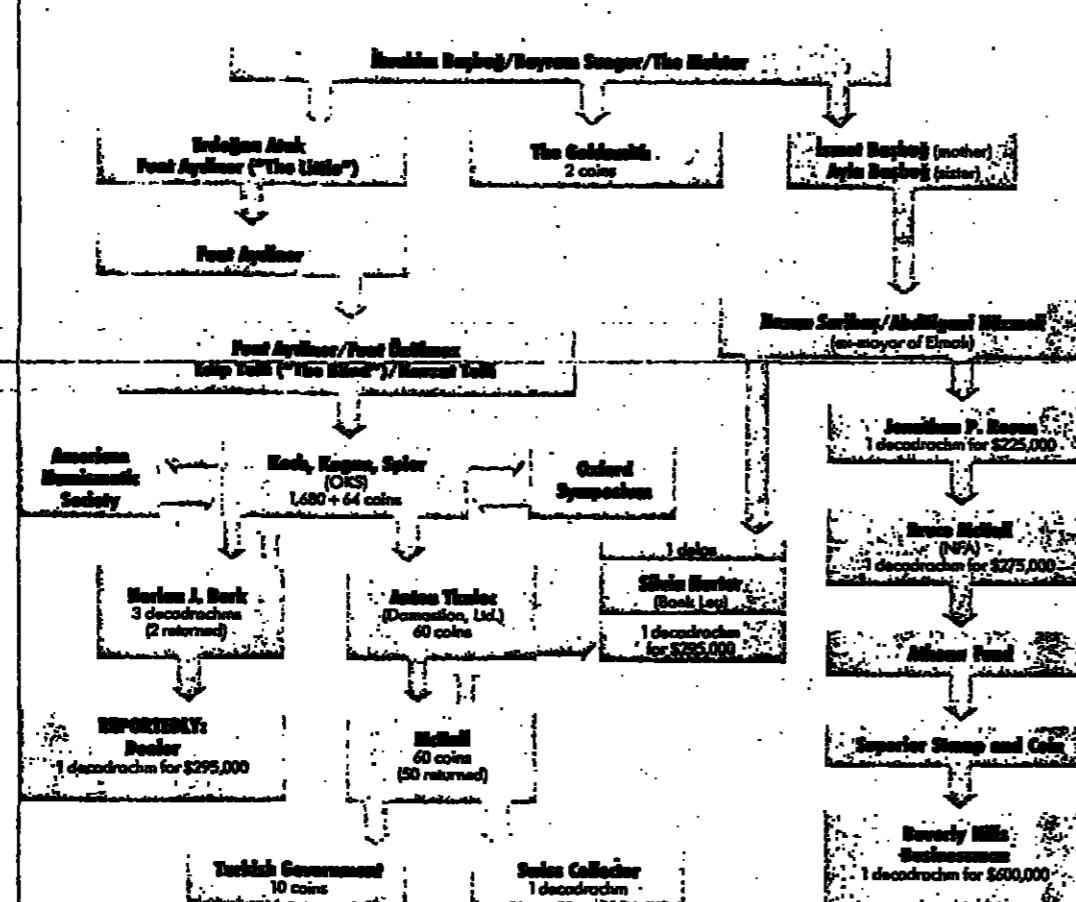
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Antalya: where the first coins were sold

The course of greed

Because the numismatic market is in the West, the 1,900 coins of the decadrachm hoard percolated there. This chart traces their various, often complicated paths, owners, and believed whereabouts at press time.



Are proverbs nuggets of truth or fool's gold?

PROVERBS are heirlooms, treasured and passed on from generation to generation. These pithy, unforgettable phrases seem to sum up timeless wisdom about human nature. But are the truisms really true?

Spur the rod and spoil the child:

Few proverbs have been so thoroughly disproved — or have caused so much harm — as this one. Nearly 40 years of research have shown conclusively that the "rod" produces children who are more aggressive than their peers. "Physical punishment teaches that the way to solve problems is to beat up others," says Leonard Eron, a research psychologist at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He and others explain that having children focus on what they did wrong and why it was wrong encourages them to internalize control of their own actions. But physical punishment, while suppressing misbehaviour in the short run, ultimately promotes nothing more than a determination to avoid getting caught.

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In 1960 Eron and his colleagues studied 870 8-year-olds in rural New York and found a clear-cut relationship between the severity of the physical punishment they received — ranging from none at all to slaps and spankings — and how aggressive other children judged them to be. Twenty-two years later, the researchers tracked down some of these same people and found that the aggressive kids were now aggressive adults. And those adults now had aggressive children of their own.

He who lives by the sword dies by the sword:

If the contemporary "sword" is a handgun, then this maxim seems to be true. A study of more than 700 gunshot deaths in the Seattle area from 1978 to 1983 showed that most of them had occurred in homes where a gun was kept. Moreover, the guns were far more likely to kill a resident than an intruder. In only two cases was a stranger killed; the rest were accidental deaths, suicides or homicides in which the victim was either a friend or the gun owner or a member of the family.

WOMAN'S FALLOPIAN TUBES ARE BLOCKED IN STERILISATION

Female sterilisation is a permanent and almost perfect form of birth control. It is called permanent because it cannot be easily reversed. If a woman changes her mind about the procedure, there are operations that can be done to reconnect or open the blocked tubes, but there is no guarantee they will work. After sterilisation, there is the possibility that the tubes can reheat over and a pregnancy can occur, but there is far less chance of this happening than of any other form of birth control to fail.

QUESTION: Have you ever heard of an eye disease that makes your eye into a cone?

ANSWER: What you are referring to is a corneal disease called keratoconus. The cornea, the clear protective outer layer covering the iris and pupil, bulges forward and develops into a cone shape. Because the cornea, a major focusing mechanism, now becomes thin and irregularly shaped (astigmatism), patients with keratoconus have very blurred vision, a high degree of nearsightedness and a reduction in far vision.

The cause is unknown but hereditary factors are involved. Keratoconus progresses

slowly over a number of years, usually starting in the second decade of life, but may become stationary at any time. Hard contact lenses may provide a useful degree of vision in the earlier stages. In the advanced stage, when the cornea appears cone-shaped and the lower lid of the eye appears indented, vision may become so poor that it interferes with normal activities and surgery may be recommended.

Corneal transplantation for keratoconus (lamellar keratoplasty) usually involves surgical removal of the top layers of the person's cornea and replacement with a clear, healthy, donated cornea. New microsurgical techniques and eye banking procedures have made corneal transplantation safe and effective. The success rate for this type of surgery is more than 90 per cent. A new investigative type of surgery, epikeratophakia, involves suturing a donated graft across the patient's thinned cornea, providing flattening of the irregular protrusion, so that the patient can resume daily wear of hard contacts comfortably.

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QUESTION: When they sterilise a woman, do they "cut" the tubes? What does that mean?

ANSWER: If a woman decides she does not want any more children, she can choose to be sterilised, which involves blocking the fallopian tubes, the two hollow arms on either side of the uterus. Each month an egg moves down one of these tubes from the ovary to the uterus, and it is within the tube that a sperm fertilises the egg. If the tube is blocked or cut, the egg and sperm are kept apart and fertilisation does not take place. Female sterilisation has no effect on hormone levels. A sterilised woman's period still occurs regularly until menopause.

There are several ways to block the tubes; cutting them is only one method. The tubes can be sealed with a small plastic clip or rubber band or a loop of each tube can be tied off and then cut. Another procedure uses a small electrical device to burn small portion of both tubes, which then heal shut. Sterilisation can be done at any time either in a hospital or in a clinic and may be performed right after childbirth.

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An Islamic coin



A coin bearing the portrait of Mughal Emperor Nur al-Din Jahangir. It was minted in 1620 AH. The average weight of such coins is 10.95 grams and the diameter 21mm.

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SPORTS

Strawberry lifts Mets to 5-2 win over Pirates

NEW YORK, June 29, (AP): The past week has brought two significant days in Darryl Strawberry's home life, and he marked both of them with significant performances in his professional life.

On the day that his second child was born, Strawberry hit a two-run homer to lead the New York Mets to a 5-2 victory last night over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Last Wednesday, Strawberry hit two homers to lead the Mets past the St. Louis Cardinals on the third birthday of his son Darryl Jr.

"It was a long day, but it was worth it," Strawberry said. "The doctor who delivered the baby said I would hit a home run, and he was right."

Strawberry, broke a 1-1 tie in the fifth with his 18th homer. Kevin Elster hit a two-run homer and Howard Johnson a solo hot.

New York, winning for the second time in six games, lengthened its lead over the Pirates to 4-2 games in the National League East.

Elsewhere, Houston beat Los Angeles 3, San Francisco beat Atlanta 13-7, St. Louis beat Montreal 5-4, Cincinnati beat San Diego 4-3 and Chicago beat Philadelphia 6-4.

Astros 4, Dodgers 3

Bob Knepper, 8-1, allowed two hits in 8 1-3 innings and qualified his 1987 victory total as Houston ended the Dodgers' out-game winning streak. He struck out four and walked five.

Tigers 6, Yankees 1

Frank Tanana allowed five hits in 8 1-3 innings and Pat Sheridan drove in four runs as Detroit extended its winning streak over New York to five games.

Tanana, 10-4, allowed only three hits after the second inning. He struck out six and walked two before being relieved with one out and runners on first and second in the ninth. Mike Henneman closed.

Cardinals 5, Expos 4

Tom Brunansky's ninth-inning grounder bounded through the legs of third baseman Tim Wallach and allowed the winning run to score.

With St. Louis trailing 4-3, Vince Coleman singled off Joe Hesketh, 1-1, to open the ninth, but was thrown out by right fielder Cubby Brooks as he tried for a double.

Ted 4, Padres 3

Danny Jackson, 8-4, pitched a six-hitter and Lancer McCullers walked home the winning run in the ninth as Cincinnati ended its six-game losing streak.

Cubs 6, Phillies 4

Shawn Dunston hit a two-run, two-out single off Steve Bedrosian, 1-3, to cap a four-run eighth inning as Chicago won its fourth straight and 10th in its last 3 games.

In his first start of the year and second of his Major League career, Boston's Wes Gardner decided to think like a reliever.

Gardner, pressed into the rotation when Jeff Sellars suffered a broken hand, allowed just three hits in seven innings last night as the Red Sox doubled the Cleveland Indians 6-1.

"I wanted to go as hard as I could for as long as I could," said Gardner, 2-1. "I developed a little know in my back about the fifth inning, but I feel really good."

Elsewhere, it was Detroit 6, New York 1; Baltimore 7, Toronto 0; Chicago 4, Kansas City 3; Texas 6, Seattle 0; Minnesota 8, California 2, and Milwaukee 4, Oakland 1.

It was the 99th appearance in the Major Leagues for Gardner, acquired by the Red Sox after the 1985 season along with Calvin Ichard in the deal that sent Bob Jeda to the New York Mets.

Marty Barrett hit a two-run triple and Dwight Evans added a two-run home, his fifth, to highlight the second inning. Boston added another run in the fifth when Mike Grenwell singled to extend his hitting streak to 19 games and Jim Rice doubled.

Orioles 7, Blue Jays 0

Jay Tibbs and Mark Thurmond combined on a seven-hitter and Fred Lynn and Eddie Murray drove in three runs each as Baltimore defeated Toronto, a game marked by several dismissals.

White Sox 4, Royals 3

Dan Pascua homered twice and Greg Walker hit a towering solo shot with two outs in the eighth inning to back the four-hit pitching of Bill Long and Bobby Higgin.

Angels 6, Mariners 0

Jose Guzman pitched a four-hitter for his first Major League victory and Larry Parrish and Steve Buechele hit solo home runs as Texas snapped a three-game losing streak.

Angels 8, Angels 2

Bert Blyleven pitched an eight-inning for his fourth consecutive victory and was backed by a 15-14 attack as Minnesota moved to within four games of first-place Oakland in the AL West.

ENGLAND FACE DIFFICULT TASK AT OLD TRAFFORD

Buoyant West Indies set for 3rd Test

LONDON, June 29, (Reuter): For a team in transition, Viv Richards's West Indians have belied the image in the Test series against England with powerful and authoritative cricket that has recalled their heady, all-conquering reign.

West Indies, by their own admission not the irresistible force who achieved 5-0 clean sweeps over England in 1984 and 1986, face the third Test starting at Old Trafford, Manchester, tomorrow, buoyed by an emphatic 134-run win in the second Test at Lord's.

Puzzling

Richards's side took a 1-0 lead in the five-match series and left England, who have not beaten West Indies in their last 26 Tests, still puzzling out how to overcome the potent Caribbean concoction of instinctively attacking batting and relentless fast bowling.

Malcolm Marshall, with 17 wickets in the first two Tests despite nursing a rib injury, is not only the spearhead of the pace attack but an inspiration to the side as they rebuild after the retirements from Test cricket in the last 15 months of Michael Holding, Joel Garner and Larry Gomes.

Richards has rested his premier paceman since the Lord's Test. Marshall continuing to have treatment for his injury to ensure his fitness to bowl on an Old Trafford pitch that has apparently quickened in pace this year.

Marshall's support, while formidable, does not quite have the destructive quality that overwhelmed all comers during the



Marshall: Inspiration to the side

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Courtney Walsh is steady yet not consistently penetrative, Curtly Ambrose has immense potential but is going through the learning process, while Patrick Patterson is the quickest but tends to be the most expensive.

Patterson is likely to keep his place at Old Trafford, the home ground of his adopted country Lancashire, but he will be aware that fellow pacemen Winston Benjamin and the uncapped Ian Bishop are pressing for his place by taking wickets regularly and cheaply in matches between the Tests.

While West Indies are expected to keep faith with their traditional formula of four pace bowlers, England have allowed for the possibility of a turning pitch by strengthening their slow bowling.

Nick Cook was named in the original squad of 13 but when he sprained an ankle, fellow slow left-arm spinner John Childs was added to the party.

The uncapped Childs, 36, has spent the bulk of his career with Gloucestershire but since moving to Essex in 1985 he has enjoyed a fresh lease of life, helping them win the championship in 1986 with 85 wickets.

Cook won the last of his nine Test caps during the 1984 home series against West Indies, in which he played three Tests and took five wickets at a cost of 39.40 apiece.

The Northamptonshire slow bowler was among a trio earning a recall in England's 13, together with all-rounder David Capel and deposited captain Mike Gatting. Gladstone Small, who has a

thigh injury, and fellow paceman Derek Pringle were omitted from the Lord's 12.

Capel, who has been overlooked since England's tour of New Zealand earlier this year, won the vote over Pringle partly by virtue of being a better batsman. Capel's medium pace bowling may also be more effective at Test level.

Gatting, who asked not to be chosen for the second Test following his sacking as captain, returns to add substance to the front line batting. He lost the captaincy because England's cricket officials decided he acted irresponsibly in inviting a woman back to his hotel room during the first Test.

Provided

His comeback to play under off-spinner John Embrey, who took over as captain at Lord's, provides a reversal of their roles at Middlesex.

Embrey faces not only the demanding job of captaincy against a West Indies side growing in confidence, but also the need to restore his reputation as England's first choice spinner.

Embrey would certainly relish the opportunity of performing on a helpful surface at Old Trafford after a lean spell at international level in England, having taken a mere three wickets for 396 in his last six home Tests.

RUGBY

New Zealand bemused by 14-man scrum

SINGLES, Australia, June 29, (Reuter): New Zealand notched their fourth successive win, defeating New South Wales country 29-4 today, but it was only their third success in 11 championship matches.

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The All Blacks, fielding a second-string side ahead of Sunday's first Test, scored six tries.

Test left-winger Terry Wright scored two as did centre John Schuster, who has probably guaranteed he will replace injured Warwick Taylor in the Test side with today's performance.

The only worry for the All Blacks was the performance of fly-half Grant Fox, considered the world's best goalkicker. He had an off day with the boot, converting only one try plus a penalty goal.



Agnew: six for 39

Folley: six for 20

Stephenson takes Notts to victory

LONDON, June 29, (Reuter): Barbados-born all-rounder Franklyn Stephenson breathed fresh life into Nottinghamshire's ailing defence of the English County Cricket Championship by taking a career-best seven for 56 yesterday.

Fast bowler Stephenson fired out Northamptonshire for 122 on the third and last day at Trent Bridge, giving Notts victory by 191 runs. It was only their third success in 11 championship matches.

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Lancashire left-arm spinner Ian Folley also produced his best figures of the season — six for 20 — to send Glamorgan crashing

Standings

English county championship cricket table after yesterday's matches (tablet under played, won, lost, drawn, having bonus points, bowling bonus points, total points):

Kent	9	6	3	0	21	38	145
Worcestershire	9	5	1	3	24	30	134
Leicestershire	10	4	1	5	24	35	123
Essex	9	4	3	2	23	28	115
Middlesex	10	4	2	4	19	30	113
Gloucestershire	9	4	2	3	21	26	111
Warwickshire	8	4	2	2	14	25	103
Nottingham	11	3	6	2	13	40	101
Northampton	9	3	2	4	18	31	97
Lancashire	9	3	3	3	17	25	90
Somerset	9	3	3	4	22	25	87
Derbyshire	9	2	1	6	24	20	76
Surrey	8	2	2	4	16	27	75
Sussex	10	1	3	1	18	32	66
Hampshire	9	1	3	5	11	30	57
Yorkshire	9	1	5	3	10	30	56
Glamorgan	9	0	4	5	14	23	37

Sweeping changes for next Paris-Dakar Motor Rally

PARIS, June 29, (Reuter): Organisers of the controversial Paris-Dakar Rally announced sweeping changes for next December's event today after being fined for irregularities in last season's motor racing marathon.

Organiser Gilber Sabine told a news conference that the rally would be reduced from 25 days to 15, that trucks would be banned, stages would be cut to a maximum of 18 hours and lower limits on maximum turbo power would be introduced.

Sabine criticised FISA for the fine, saying the offences were minor matters such as non-standard seat belts. "I think we can actually look at this fine as a first step because, from next year, each offence will cost us a million francs (\$165,000), which is as much as we pay Algeria for the rights to cross their territory," he said.

NAVRASTILOVA AND EDBERG MOVE INTO SEMIFINALS

Wilander and Connors make exit

WIMBLEDON, England, June 29. (Agencies): Second-seeded Mats Wilander of Sweden and fifth-seeded Jimmy Connors of the United States were knocked out of the Wimbledon Tennis Championship today and late last night respectively.

Wilander was beaten in three straight sets 6-3 6-1 6-3 by ninth-seeded Miroslav Mečíř of Czechoslovakia in the quarterfinals today.

Connors, however, lost in the fourth round to unseeded Patrick Kühnen of West Germany. Kühnen, who is Boris Becker's practice partner, disposed of Connors by wrapping up their encounter 3-7 7-6 6-7 6-3. They had resumed at 6-6 in the third set last night after rain and darkness had halted their match on Monday on court two where so many champions have perished in the past.

Meet

Kühnen, however, had only 24 hours to savour the taste of his victory as third-seeded Stefan Edberg put in his place with a 6-3 4-6 1-7 6-2 victory in the quarterfinals.

Edberg, of Sweden, will now meet Mecir in the semifinals.

Kühnen did not give up the match without a fight. After winning the second set, Kühnen lost the third but took the fourth into a tie-breaker before Edberg summoned all his experience to take the match.

While the men were fighting for a place in the semifinals, Martina Navratilova, after losing the first set and trailing 3-0 in the second, staged a typically tenacious fightback against unseeded South African Ros Fairbank today to preserve her hopes of a record ninth Wim-

Kingdom wins 9th straight 110m hurdles

JEREZ, Spain, June 29. (UPI): Roger Kingdom won the 110-metre hurdles yesterday to pace a standout day for US men at the Jerez Outdoor Track Championships.

Americans Calvin Smith, Thomas Jefferson, Danny Harris and Dennis Mitchell captured their events. However, the only American woman to win was Delisa Floyd in the 800 metres.

The 25-year-old Kingdom, who returned to competition this season after a two-year absence due to injury, finished in 13.20 seconds with compatriot Eric Reid second at 13.14.

It was Kingdom's ninth straight triumph in the event since his return, but six-tenths of a second short of his personal best of 13.14.

Four US sprinters participated in the 100-metre dash, but Smith prevailed as the favourite in 10.11 seconds. Mitchell was second in that race, then won the 300 metres in 32.22 seconds ahead of fellow American Mike Franks (32.82).

Dominated

Harris, seeking to beat main rival Edwin Moses' world record of 47.02 seconds in the 400-metre hurdles, dominated his race, but only managed a time of 48.64.

In the 200-metres, Jefferson was an impressive winner in 20.71 seconds. Sergio Querol of Cuba came second at 21.24.

Floyd won the 800 in 2:02.17, almost three full seconds better than runner-up Amaya Andres of Spain.

Fellow US runner and women's 100-metre world record-holder Evelyn Ashford lost to Holland's Nelly Cooman, who had a time of 11.30 seconds.

US high jumper Mark Reed won with a leap of 7 feet, 4 inches. Larry Myricks, who had the crowd of 10,000 at Jerez's Chapin stadium cheering, took the long jump on his fourth try with a distance of 26-11 3/4.



Navratilova wins herself during her match with Fairbank. (Reuters Wirephoto)

king of the jungle, had emerged victorious from eight of his 10 previous five-set struggles at Wimbledon, losing only to Björn Borg in the 1977 final and the 1981 semifinals.

The West German, a smooth serve-volleyer, is one of the most interesting characters on the circuit. Like Becker, his occasional practice partner, he is managed by Ion Tiriac, but apart from a racket contract with Fischer, he has no major sponsorship deals and blanks out the makers' logos on his shirt, shoes and socks.

He is financed by his father, who runs a bakery in Puttlingen, attends ballet classes to improve his mobility on court and consults a New York sports psychologist.

Kühnen's speed around court was never in question as Connors, taken to five long sets by Hollywood's Derrick Rosano in the third round on Saturday, found the dark conditions and rough grass far from his liking.

Connors, who had been seeded to meet Edberg in the quarterfinals, said: "It was a pain in the ass court and a pain in the ass to play out there. The courts were chewed up after three days."

Asked what he knew about his conqueror, Connors went on: "I don't know anything about any of them ... they're all 15 years younger than me, they talk a different language, they listen to different music. They're a different generation."

Meanwhile Navratilova's 46th successive singles win here — since she lost to Hana Mandlíková in the 1981 semifinals — has been women's champion six years in a row — could hardly

have been more perilously achieved in a superb quarterfinal that lasted two-and-a-half hours.

She eventually won 4-6 6-4 7-5 to go through to a semifinal meeting tomorrow with fellow-American Chris Evert, her long-time rival whom she has beaten 40 times in 77 meetings.

Top-seeded Steffi Graf of West Germany and American Pam Shriver, who both won yesterday, will meet in the other semifinal.

Navratilova, in her 32nd year, and Fairbank, 27, played on court 14 which in part reflected the organisers' belief that this would probably be another routine victory for the reigning champion and number two seed.

After all, Fairbank had never won a set off Navratilova in six previous meetings and was competing in her first quarterfinal in a Grand Slam tournament.

In the event, though, the South African came desperately close to a highly improbable victory.

In the second set she missed a simple forehand volley in the seventh game that would have given her a 5-2 lead and she did

exactly the same in the third set with the slight variation that this time it was a backhand volley that went astray.

LATE NEWS

WIMBLEDON champion Pat Cash of Australia, the number four seed, was sent tumbling out of the tournament by his predecessor, Boris Becker of West Germany.

Becker, the sixth seed and champion here in 1985 and 1986, beat Cash 6-4 6-3 6-4 to move into the semifinals.



• HH the Amir yesterday morning received heads of sports clubs and unions. The chairman of the joint committee of the clubs thanked the Amir for his material and moral support. The meeting was attended by the minister of labour and social affairs and other senior officials. Above: HH the Amir with the delegation

1990 World Cup finals to start one day early

ZURICH, June 29. (Reuters):

Argentina will kick off the 1990 World Cup soccer finals in Italy a day earlier than previously planned, according to a match schedule agreed by the International Football Federation (FIFA) today.

The opening game of the 52-

match final series will begin in

Milan at 1800 local time (1600

GMT) on Friday June 8 1990.

According to tradition Argentina, as defending champions, will be one team involved but their opponents will not be known until early in 1990 after the worldwide qualifying competition and the draw for the final stages of the tournament will be played.

The Italians have to decide which eight of the current 12 cities will host matches after the first round.

The only fixed point is the final in Rome, although that could be jeopardised if roofing is not constructed in time at the Olympic stadium.

Other factors include the building of a brand-new stadium in Turin, where three first-round matches are scheduled, and potential rivalry between various cities.

A FIFA team will inspect the proposed venues in November and then decide the final playing schedule, officials said.

"FIFA will be very disappointed if Turin is not ready because it is a great football city," FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni said.

He said that the schedule approved today was "the best calendar we've ever had" which would give all 24 competing teams the same amount of rest days between matches.

Fear of hooligans hits another tournament

LONDON, June 29. (Reuters):

Fear of hooliganism has hit another pre-season soccer tourney.

English Third Division club Wolverhampton Wanderers had planned to play teams from Ireland and the Netherlands in the Isle of Man Soccer Festival from July 24 to July 30.

The victory margin shattered the previous highest score of 92-0 also amassed by the French when they beat Spain at Oleron, France, in March 1979.

The French side, comprised largely of reserves, ran in 17 tries with fullback Patrice Lagisquet accounting for seven of them. Paraguay managed one try.

Whitbread undergoes operation

LONDON, June 29. (Reuters): World javelin champion Fatima Whitbread underwent an operation to remove an abscess on her back yesterday, throwing her Olympic preparation into disarray.

Doctors said the Briton was also suffering from glandular fever — a factor which could have contributed to her poor form this season.

British athletics officials said Whitbread, who has also been troubled by a shoulder injury, would be taking a lengthy break from competition in the hope of making a full recovery.

Competing But they said the former world record holder had not given up hope of competing at the Seoul Olympics.

"Everyone knows of her fighting qualities," said Tony Ward, the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) spokesman. "She is determined to make it to the Olympics and it would be crazy for anyone to write her off."

Whitbread, the Olympic Bronze medallist at Los Angeles,

was expected to remain in hospital for three or four days after the operation. Doctors said the abscess had emerged while she was run down with the fever.

Whitbread, 27, has lost three competitions in the last two weeks, in stark contrast to 1987 when she was beaten only once in

17 meetings.

She brushed aside injury worries to win the world title in Rome last year. Despite needing cortisone injections to combat painful shoulder and arm injuries, she produced the third best throw of all time — 76.64 metres.

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Bubka aims for ninth world record



Sergei Bubka

HELSINKI, June 29. (Reuters): Sergei Bubka, the man who has redefined the pole vault, is set to win the ninth world record of his astonishing career at the World Games Grand Prix athletics meeting tomorrow.

Bubka said on his arrival here yesterday that he planned an attempt on his own world record of 6.05 metres, set in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, on June 9.

The 34-year-old Soviet athlete won his first major title when he took the gold medal at the inaugural World Championships here in 1983.

He set his first world record that year and his dominance in the most spectacular of all field events is reflected in the all-time list where he has recorded not only the top five vaults ever but

also 10 of the 12 highest.

Bubka made unsuccessful world record attempts in Borlange, Sweden, on June 19, and again in Lausanne on Friday night.

Conditions in Lausanne could hardly have been worse for world record attempts with a cold, blustery wind but they are expected to be dramatically different here tomorrow, with temperatures exceeding 30 degrees Centigrade.

Spectators at Helsinki's Olympic Stadium will be denied the sight of Moroccan Said Aouita, who withdrew yesterday.

Aouita was due to run in either the 1,500 metres or the 1,000 metres.

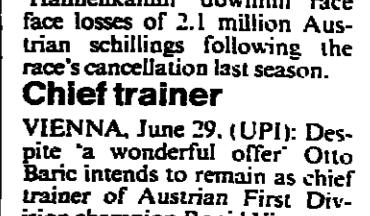
"He feels he is not going to run a world record and the reason for that is an injury he sustained in

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